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New Year's Baby Arrives!



GST rebate fills local gov't coffers

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Seven per cent does not sound like much but the federal government's move to appease municipalities by refunding 100 per cent of GST will put more than \$400,000 back into local government coffers.

In Prime Minister Paul Martin's speech from the throne, Martin offered municipalities and cities a "new deal."

In the past, municipalities were able to claim 57.4 per cent of the General Sales Tax paid on anything purchased. The program is an administrative nightmare, say local clerks and financial officers who have to cobble together hundreds of receipts and to calculate the percentage of rebate they are eligible for. It would be far simpler and less time-consuming to simply exempt municipalities from paying GST, they say.

The federal government now agrees with them.

Local MP John O'Reilly says Martin's speech set out goals and payments that will "strengthen our social foundations, build a truly 21st Century economy and ensure that Canada's voice in the world is one of pride and influence."

Martin's new deal, says

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Haliburton Hospital's New Year's Baby always takes a bit of time to arrive and little Dylan Keefer was no exception. Despite the best efforts of his mother, Monica Miles, Dylan waited until February 5 to be introduced to the world by his new family, including his brother Ethan and his father Tim Keefer. His story is on page 4.

Local guitarist off to L.A. with Fefe Dobson

IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Staff Reporter

Local musician Ryan Chalmers is going to have the best Valentine's Day of his life. Instead of spending it with just one special person, Chalmers will be sharing the day with almost 60,000 screaming fans.

As the new guitarist for Fefe Dobson's band, the Haliburton native will be performing live during the NBA All-star game in Los Angeles this weekend.

This is the first major gig for the 19-year-old who, over the years, has organized local concerts in the Haliburton and Minden arenas as well as the Canarvon bowling alley.

"They used to have a couple of hundred kids in attendance," his mom Julie says of the concerts. "He would arrange to have other bands from the area come and play as well."

Chalmers took up playing guitar at the age of five and always showed a huge degree of musical talent, she said, adding that he is "full of music."



Ryan Chalmers competed against 400 other guitarists to join Dobson's band.

And now that he is playing his first major performance, his mom is both "scared and excited."

Chalmers' big break came thanks to another local success story, talent agent April Hopps, who once lived in Minden with her parents, John and Trish Aggett.

"I got a call from Dobson's agent. They were trying to find a new guitarist. Ryan's name just

popped into my head," she said. "To have our first major booking come out of the Haliburton area excites me. That's why I went into this business, to help good, talented people like Ryan succeed."

Hopps left Minden in 2001 to pursue her dream of running a talent agency. Along with partner Nick Shahrabadi, she now runs Diverse Management Group, a talent agency that "represents artists of all shapes and sizes".

She hopes that Chalmers' story will give hope to local musicians. "There is a lot of musical talent coming out of the area," she said. "Just because you come from a small town doesn't mean you won't get noticed. Get out there and show your craft."

The band is scheduled to hit the stage at 1:30 p.m. on February 14. Some three million people are expected to tune in.

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here & there news and events worth noting

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Love your pet? You can help raise money for the Highland Animal Relief Team (HART) by having a meal at Gopher's Café in Haliburton on February 14. The restaurant's owners, Donna and Bud, will donate all money for meals purchased between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to the organization, which provides supporting care to lost or homeless animals and help raise awareness about the need to have pets spayed or neutered. The café is in the lower level of the Stedman's Mall. As well, people can donate pet food or money at the IGA, Stedman's Mall and the café.

A moose with brain worm walking in circles near the Irondale river last week was shot by the Ministry of Natural Resources staff. Local residents started seeing the young female moose early last week but since hunt-

ing season was over no one could put the animal out of its misery. Brain worm is a debilitating fatal disease that is passed from deer feces to plants to moose. Residents of the area telephoned the Echo and the MNR asking the animal be put down for humanitarian reasons.

A few years ago, Haliburton resident Barbara Smith asked for The Echo's help in finding a penpal for her nephew in England. Now she'd like to help her other nephew find a cyber friend from Haliburton. Eleven-year-old Alistair Higgins would like to find a young boy he could write to about his interests in Warhammer models, Lord of the Rings, Playstation, the Simpsons and drawing. He also plays soccer for his local team in Derbyshire, England. If interested, please contact datahiggins2@yahoo.co.uk.

Correction: A quote in last week's Echo story on luging should have read, "President Robert Van Nood of Minden has high praise of the sport and his Bahnmeister. "It's an inexpensive [rather than expensive], fun and wholesome activity for the young and young at heart. It's taken two years but we're finally ready. Kurt provides incredible expertise...." Also, Van Nood says the club is now open to those who make appointments.

Allianz Canada Caregivers Awards are looking for nominations of non-professional caregivers of loved ones afflicted with a disability or illness. Recipients can win a \$10,000 national award or one of five \$1,000 regional awards. Official nomination criteria and requirements for the awards can be obtained at www.allianz.ca or by calling 1-800-554-9918. Deadline for nominations is Apr. 30, 2004.

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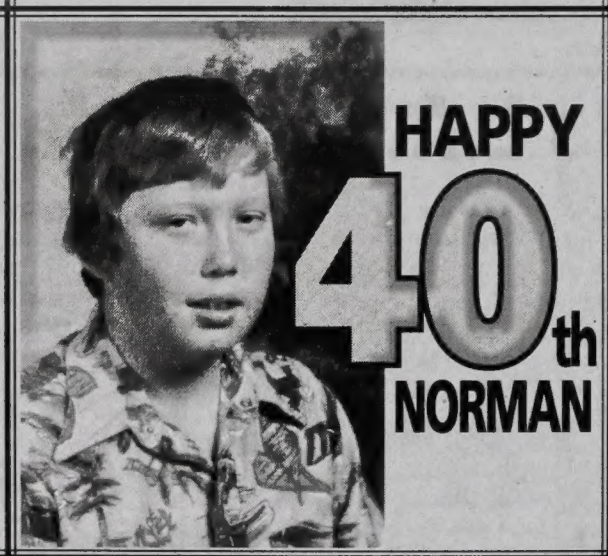


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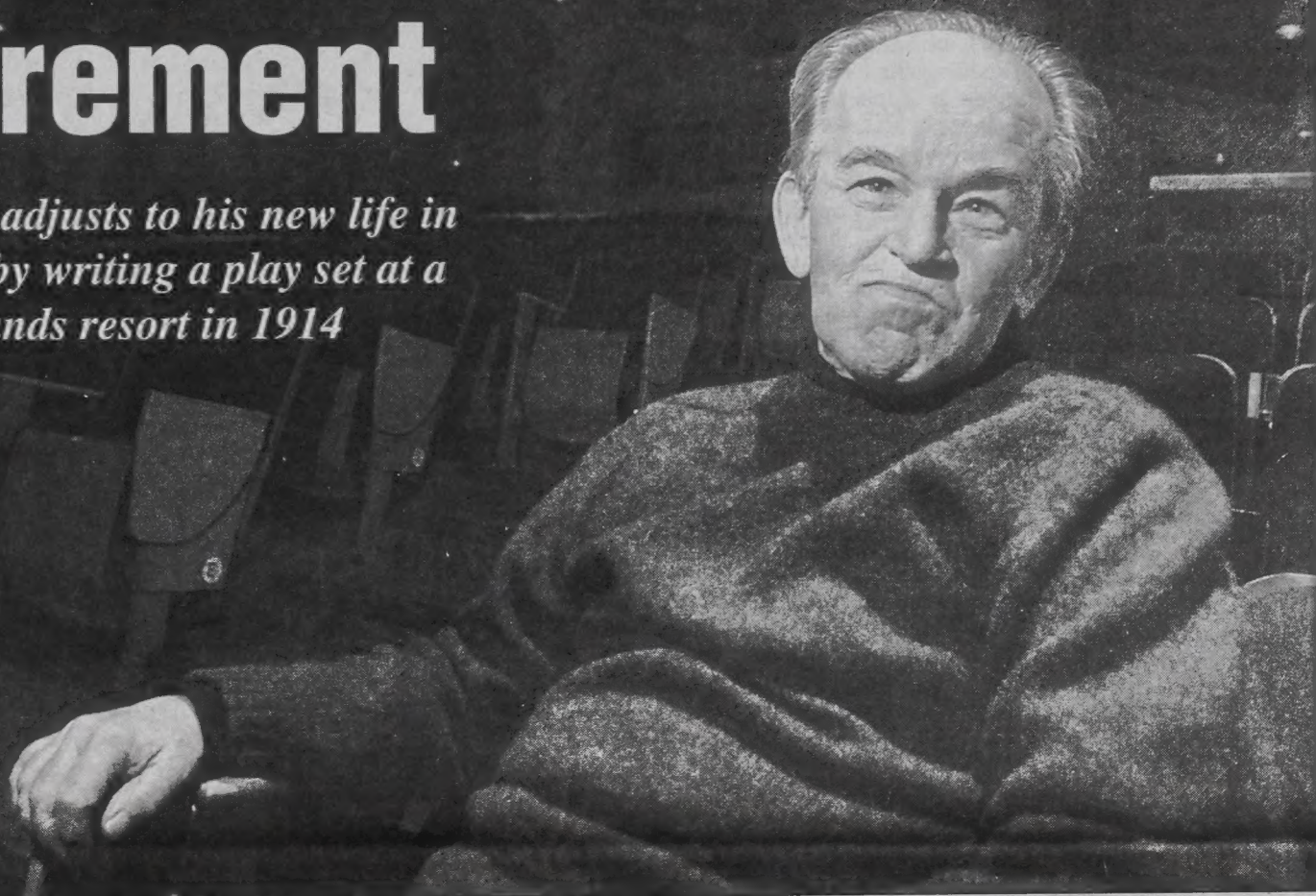
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Playing with retirement

Michael Fay adjusts to his new life in Haliburton by writing a play set at a Highlands resort in 1914



Being a playwright is a lonely pursuit, says Michael Fay, who was pleased to watch local actors bring his words to life at a recent workshop at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

ERIN LYNCH

Special to The Echo

WHAT DO YOU DO if you start hearing voices in your head while making the trip between Haliburton and Toronto? Well, if you're Michael Fay you listen and when the characters begin to appear in the form of a play, you become a playwright.

The play, *Never Such Innocence Again*, is set at a Highlands resort in August of 1914, the weekend before the declaration of WWI. The plot is written around two families and deals with powerful issues: the rhetoric of war, social morality, relationships, militarism, Haliburton and peace.

Michael and his wife, Fay Martin, executive director of Family Services, bought a home on Minden Lake seven years ago. For the first five years Michael kept an apartment in the city as he continued to work for Toronto Public Health. Weekends he spent in Minden.

Two years ago at the age of 56 he took an early retirement and moved to the Highlands permanently, though he is presently doing a year-long contract for Health Canada. Fay says during the weekly drives he did between Haliburton and Toronto for five years, ideas played in his mind. Characters began to appear in the form of a play and a setting began to take shape.

An experienced writer, Michael has freelanced for various Canadian newspapers and magazines. In Alberta, where he lived in the 70s and 80s, he taught creative writing and set up a writing centre. He has written and published short stories. However, this is the first play he has ever written and admits his only theatre experience was in high school.

Never Such Innocence Again took him a year to write. Michael says a number of people have helped him through the playwrighting process. These include Greg Cook, a poet and playwright who had

gone scene by scene with him over the Internet. He submitted the script to Peter Hinton who has written for Stratford and is a member of the group, Play Writers of Montreal. A personal friend who is a director in Toronto has also reviewed the play.

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Michael came to Canada in 1970. "The most important thing in my life was resisting the war in Vietnam," says Fay.

He says the failure of societal inclusion that he was seeing in his daily life and the breakdown of the peace movement in the United States sealed his fate in coming to Canada. "Canada has strong traditions of peacekeeping and conflict resolution. I was never prouder then when Canada did not get involved in the

war in Iraq," says Fay.

His dedication to the marginalized in our society is a thread woven through a lifetime of work and writing. He has lived and worked in appalling conditions in a black ghetto in Pittsburgh. In Toronto, during his 20-year stint at Toronto Public Health he has worked with refugees, immigrants, street youth and developed technical health plan indicators for healthy cities. He remembers an essay he wrote over 20 years ago entitled: Writing about Social Justice. "It became my personal manifesto."

Although preoccupied with war, Fay says, *Never Such Innocence Again* is not a rant against war. "There are strategies to resolve conflict if you are a calm human being."



Michael Johnson and Kathrine Boyd read through *Never Such Innocence Again*, a play by Michael Fay about the way war steals youth and innocence.

Fay's play is a well-researched narrative in history. Michael Fay knows his local history. A sparkle appears in his eye as he discusses the record of resorts in the area, politics and the railroad. The summer of August 1914 is recorded in Canada and across Europe as astoundingly beautiful. The Victrola had been introduced and romantic music was at a high point.

"A beautiful moment contrasted with the upcoming doom where millions would be killed," says Fay.

Fay says militarism was strong in Haliburton. Today we still see the remnants of Donald's old wood chemical factory that helped fuel the war effort. However, according to Fay's research the war was not universally popular, especially with working people.

Before making the final draft - he's presently completed number nine - Fay wanted to see the play on stage. He contacted Jack Brezina whom he knew was involved in the local theatre community and soon Jane Miller was directing an assembled cast of characters. By invitation, Michael has requested numerous people to join him on February 21 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion to watch the play, break for hors d'oeuvres and then return to the theatre to discuss the play. Hoping to see a production by the early fall he has plans to enter the play in a drama league.

Fay has already started another play set in the Highlands entitled, *Victoria's Jubilee*, set at the Minden Fair in 1867. A story of star-crossed lovers, an Irish Catholic from Minden and a Protestant from Haliburton. It examines topics such as class and religion.

Fay says he's found his medium, not as a short-story writer as he once thought. "Writing is lonely. Writing in theatre is collaborative. Haliburton," he says, "has a wonderful theatre community."

New Year's Baby takes his time to arrive

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Walking and sitting backwards seemed to work in hurrying Ethan along, says his mother Monica Miles, but did not seem to have any effect on his younger brother. However, she also concedes that a big part of being pregnant is about sifting truth out of wives' tales.

Five years after having her first baby Miles found herself increasingly anxious to have her second, but nothing seemed to be hurrying him along. Her partner, Tim Keefer, took her out plowing for two weeks prior to her delivery but all that jostling around did nothing to entice their baby to make an appearance.

She also tried shovelling the deck and moving all of their furniture around – heavy labour but still no labour pains.

After a week of cleaning house and assorted other would-you-please-hurry-up-baby activities, Miles' obstetrician, Dr. Norm Bottum, told her she was no further along. "I said 'What?!?! I did all that work for nothing?'"

They decided to help the little one along and Miles was induced Monday,

February 5 at the Haliburton Hospital. Miles says it all came back to her then how much contractions hurt but thankfully, unlike her six-hour marathon of pushing for her first, her second son made an appearance after only 45 minutes.

"He was one nurse's first live birth. He's already training people," says Miles.

She and Keefer decided to call Haliburton's first new son of 2004 Dylan Joseph Ross Keefer. At 8.1 pounds, Dylan was "big enough", says Miles, but healthy.

Ethan is excited about his new little brother and has fun covering him in kisses

and watching Dylan's tiny nose wrinkle. Big brother also likes to gently prod the soft skull of the newborn as his mom shoos him away.

"My parents are tickled pink. I don't think any of us cared what we had as long as the baby was healthy," says Keefer.

"They're so precious at this age," says Miles.

"Till he becomes a teenager," Keefer jokes from the couch, the afghan-wrapped infant in his arms.

“Everyone was great [at the Haliburton Hospital.] I'd definitely recommend having a baby there.”

MONICA MILES



Little baby Dylan grabs his mother's hand as they both rest up at the Haliburton Hospital following his birth on February 5. He was the first baby born at the hospital in 2004.

Miles says she is very grateful for her treatment at the Haliburton Hospital. She says she prefers the care she received there to her stay at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay for her first. Dr. Bottum stayed with her and helped her

stay calm, she says.

"Everyone was great. They only do low risk pregnancies but I'd definitely recommend having a baby there. Not that I'm planning on having another one, but I'd go back if I did," says Miles.

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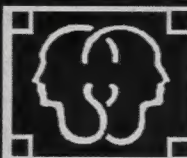
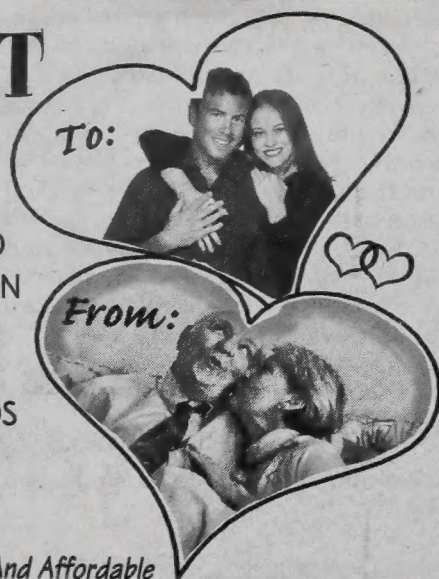


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MP O'Reilly to assist Veterans Affairs minister

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Years of working on various projects for and with veterans have paid off for John O'Reilly who has been appointed to assist Minister of Veterans Affairs John McCallum.

O'Reilly, MP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, sought the position and was appointed last week by Prime Minister Paul Martin.

"I am delighted at this appointment to help with the Veterans Affairs file as it is also the 60 anniversary of the D-Day invasion this year. I will be serving on the advisory committee under the chairmanship of General Richard Rohmer and my friend, Garth Webb, the founder of the Juno Beach Centre established in France last year," O'Reilly says.

His interest in this portfolio began long before he became a politician. As a youngster he was told stories of his grandfather's involvement as a mounted officer in England's cavalry during the First World War. In fact he still has the spurs. His father is also a war veteran from the Second World War.

In his role as a politician, O'Reilly says he has worked with many veterans and their partners to ensure they get the proper benefits. He worked on getting the Korean War monument in Lindsay and assisted with the creation of the Juno Beach project. He also worked on veterans' issues while serving as the parlia-

mentary secretary to the Minister of Defence.

He believes the challenge of this posting is to ensure veterans are treated with



MP John O'Reilly was instrumental in establishing the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy to commemorate D-Day.

dignity and respect. O'Reilly also wants to raise awareness during this 60th anniversary of D-Day of Canadians' war-time accomplishments and what they continue to do in peace. He commented on noticing a change in the attitude of young people towards Remembrance Day since Hollywood

released a batch of war movies over the last few years.

"The cenotaph is outside of our Lindsay office and I noticed some young people out there and thought I haven't seen them before. So I went out and asked them why they came and they said because [what the soldiers did was like in the movie] Saving Private Ryan."

There remains the issue of Royal Canadian Legions' struggles to survive

due to lack of younger members carrying on the work. Forty-seven Legions closed last year in Canada. O'Reilly says Legions were created when the World War veterans from both came home after seeing their friends blown up beside them and needed a place to talk and gather with others who understood their experiences.

O'Reilly recalled an incident in one Legion where a member was thanking Boy Scouts for a contribution; the member suddenly became too emotionally upset to continue. O'Reilly says he spoke to the man afterwards and learned the man had suddenly suffered from a flashback that brought to mind his unit's advance on a German village, receiving stiff resistance. They blew up a house that was filled with 14-year-olds.

"How do you explain a flashback like that? It's not just anybody you can talk to about stuff like that," says O'Reilly.

In the next few days O'Reilly will be going through a learning curve for the portfolio and then he is looking forward to the D-Day anniversary celebrations being held in France at the Juno Beach Centre to which the Queen and Martin have been invited. Another major project will be the Canada Remembers initiative that conducts memorial tours every year for veterans so they may pay their respects at the many battle sites and commemorative cenotaphs in France, Belgium, Holland, Italy and throughout Europe.

Donor clinic to help address shortage of blood supplies

Canadian Blood Services continues to experience an unprecedented demand for blood and blood products within the Greater Toronto Region. This demand is driven by the ongoing increase in surgeries, traumas and blood-related therapies, which are taxing hospital inventories to their limit.

Donors have responded over the last week by elevating the minimum red blood cell inventory from under one day to a day-and-a-half. Hospitals require a minimum four-day inventory to meet current patient demand.

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O'Reilly, will inject \$7 billion over the next decade for improved transit, affordable housing, clean water and better roads. The deal has generated some criticism in the national media for bypassing traditional provincial powers to deal directly with municipalities.

Laura Jenke, the treasurer for Haliburton County, estimated that based on last year's claim for a GST refund, the additional 43 per cent will equal a rebate increase of \$119,000. The estimate is conservative because the county has major purchases to make such as the remaining signage for 911 and the installation of those signs.

Jenke says the former GST rebate went back into general coffers and was not designated for any specific budget item. She has yet to learn of any strings attached to this new rebate deal.

Dysart et al Clerk Tammy McKelvey estimates Dysart's additional income to be \$100,000; however, Dysart has a couple of large projects on the books not included in that estimate such as the additions to the municipal building and the arena. The addition to the Dysart offices could represent an \$11,000 savings alone. She says the rebate represents a significant chunk of money.

Staff from Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East, and Minden Hills are estimating an additional \$60,000 a year in savings as a result of the new rebate. Staff from all three suggested the numbers could easily range up to \$65,000.

The timing is right for new dollars as all five councils face public depositions of various groups coming to the table asking for money as councils begin their budget deliberations.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Snow birds

A contingent of Canadian Air Force pilots and crew were temporary residents at the Stanhope Airport from Thursday to Sunday, Feb. 5 - 9. Soldiers, both reservists and full-time soldiers, were camping off the side of the airport. They had an open house from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. This, their third visit to the area, was part of their low level pilot training using night vision goggles. This area is suitable to their training because of the lack of light pollution and how the terrain is similar to where the pilots will one day conduct military operations such as Bosnia. Pilots were piloting the CH-146 Griffons, a multi-purpose helicopter used in transport and reconnaissance missions.

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Wetlands may be nature's septic system

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

Wastewater might not be the most appealing topic, but you'd never know it judging from the interest levels generated at Sir Sandford Fleming College's Alternative Wastewater Solutions information session.

Held on January 20 at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, interested parties from municipal government, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Stewardship Council, Health Unit, and Environment Haliburton attended. Each group was curious about the new technology especially in light of changes in septic and nutrient waste management legislation that is leaving municipalities scrambling for effective and viable solutions.

The gathering was co-ordinated and organized by Professor Brent Wootton of Fleming's Frost Campus. His motive was to introduce Haliburton to the college's new Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment (CAWT) and the technologies it represents.

"I was hoping to bring Sir Sandford Fleming and Haliburton together," said Wootton.

Judging from initial reaction, he just might have succeeded. "I'm very pleased with the turnout and interest shown by our elected officials and community groups," said Wootton. "In the past this sort of thing was largely ignored. That's why we're at this point today."

Wootton introduced his colleagues, Fleming Professor and Research Director Mark Williamson and Professor and Coordinator of the Environmental Technology Program Steve Thompson. Both men are experts in the relatively new field of constructed wetlands. Essentially, these are man-made marshes which mimic the regenerating and filtering effects of natural wetlands by using bacteria and plant life within to filter and break down wastewater if conditions, flow and timing are right.

The two researchers presented an overview of their findings and practical experiences in developing constructed wetlands for northern climes.

Williamson and Thompson told of visiting projects worldwide so that they might learn enough to develop viable wastewater alternatives for Canada. They even created and studied a project in Mexico where lax environmental controls allowed them to experiment and learn first-hand about constructed wetlands technology in a real-life setting. "We made a lot of mistakes there that we would not have been allowed to make in

Canada and we learned a great deal about the process. One of the things we learned was that pre-treatment is often required (in the form of settling ponds) before the constructed wetland can handle the waste. Otherwise the solids can choke out the wetlands. A flow of water is required along with at least four days contact in the wetlands."

The Centre was born out this curiosity as well as \$1.7 million in federal funding. It is the first of its kind in North America (for cold climate wastewater treatment study) and will commence research this spring at Fleming's Lindsay Campus where there is already a small-scale constructed wetlands within the facility.

CAWT's mandate calls for a continuation of research with public sector partners. They also plan on providing consultation, education, and public awareness about the issue and their unique solution. Most significantly they plan to play a leading role as a clearinghouse for research and networking within this field.

Thompson said, "Constructed wetlands are slowly gaining acceptance here. The Ministry of the Environment is still 'nervous' and reluctant to approve this technology on the merits of only a few prior projects. We're not there yet. We need more pilot projects, research and small parallel systems for them to evaluate. We hope the Centre and its partners will be able to foster confidence in the technology."

On the plus side, the researchers say that constructive wetlands are effective, easily maintained, relatively inexpensive, and highly aesthetic. ("They look like a

thriving wetland.") They also tout the environmental aspects. "You're not going to get drinking water out of these sites but it comes out a whole lot cleaner."

The researchers say that though some southern jurisdictions and Europe have practised variations of this technology for about 30 years, northern climes require unique solutions since our wetlands are not as biologically active in winter.

Tom Reddering spoke briefly from a Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit perspective noting that "safe sewage treatment is one of the four cornerstones of public health." He also expressed worries that a lack of affordable and consistent sites might tempt some people to use "creative disposal methods".

Of constructed wetlands, Redington said "I liken this technology to the computer of 20 years ago. It needs some development yet, but I hope to see good things come from it in the future."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "I see this as very important technology. We need to have some dialogue with these people and I'll take that suggestion to council."

Brian Cross of Environment Haliburton, a local ecological watchdog group, was similarly optimistic. "We'd certainly like to investigate this. I was impressed with the concept and felt positive about the speakers and their approach. There were unanswered questions about adapting this to cold climates, however."

Both Williamson and Thompson are optimistic that the CAWT might soon be able to reply to these and other questions.

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It really is the gift of life

How often do we hear something on the news, say "That's interesting," and then go on to something else without fully absorbing the impact of what we've just been told?

Take the item about the shortage of blood products in the Greater Toronto Area. Hospitals need a minimum four-day inventory in order to meet patient demands, yet they are down to day-by-day supplies. As the Canadian Blood Services says, the ongoing increase in surgeries, traumas and blood-related therapies is "taxing inventories to their limit."

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editorial

— martha perkins

Hmmm, that's serious. Let's hope something can be done. Now, let's see, what else is in the news today...

It's easy to turn away our attention when, on the surface at least, the story is about large, faceless institutions such as hospitals. But the story really isn't about hospitals, it's about the people in them. And the story isn't just about anonymous patients, it's about people such as Haliburton's John Gunning.

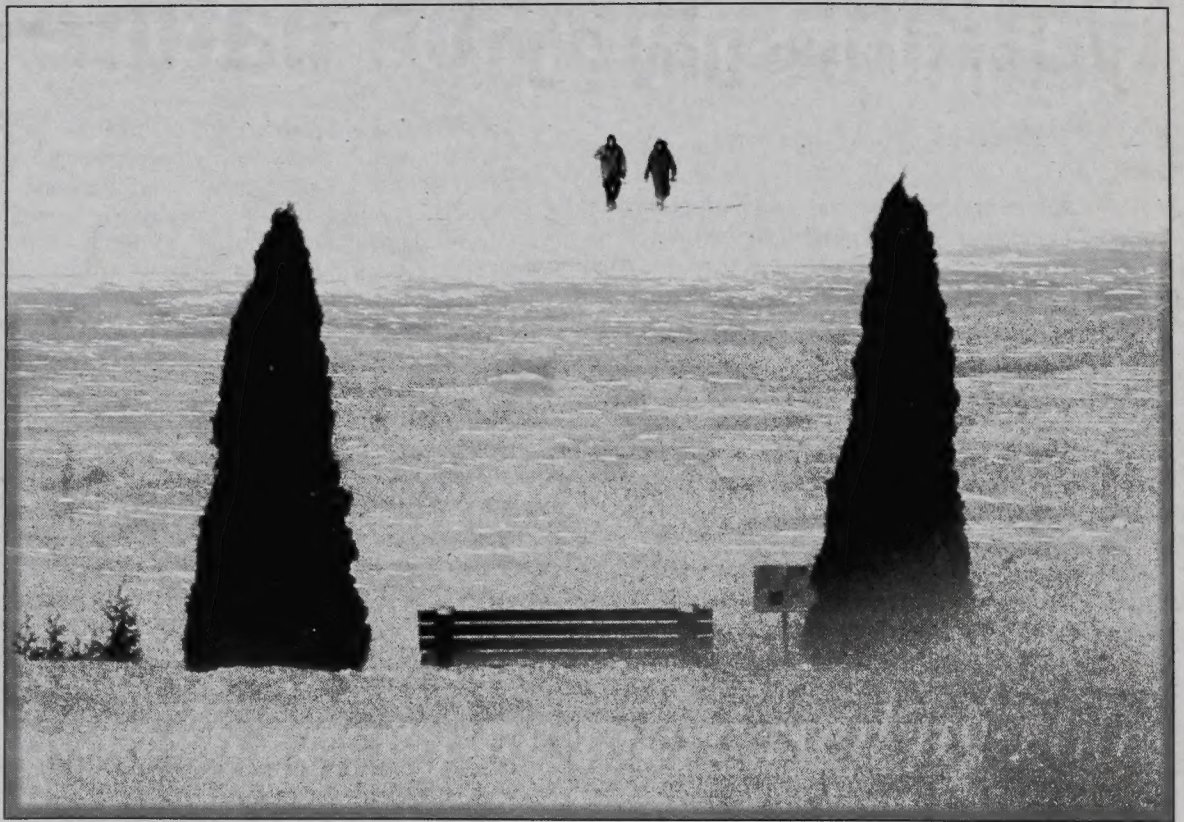
In the weeks before his death last Monday, John was one of those patients who needed infusions of both blood and blood platelets as doctors tried to find some way to counteract the effects of his leukemia. Ordering the transfusions was the easy part; finding the blood products proved to be a lot more difficult. The call went out to hospitals across Southern Ontario and there were far too many anxious moments when no supply of platelets with the proper blood type could be immediately found. Would the transfusion be able to go ahead? What would happen if it didn't?

It was scary to realize that there could be a shortage of such an essential tool in our healthcare's arsenal against disease. It's not like doctors could use an alternative; there is no drug, no science that can replace blood's life-giving powers.

And there's no way to manufacture blood. There's only one way that hospitals can keep up with demand: people have to donate it. And to donate it, they have to take a few minutes out of their day to go to one of the many blood donor clinics throughout the province.

On February 23, the Canadian Blood Services is bringing a clinic to the Haliburton Legion. To make it easier for people, it offers an appointment service. All you have to do is call 1-888-2-DONATE to book a time that's convenient for you.

It's been years since I have given blood. The last experience was not a positive one. But looking back, that experience was incredibly trivial compared to what the people who need the blood go through each and every day. Any excuse I have for not attending the clinic is now null and void. The need for blood outweighs any reason I might be able to come up with for not booking an appointment today. Let's hope that across this province there are many other people who feel the same. That's 1-888-2-DONATE.



Walking on Head Lake

Photo by Darren Lum

Reasons for optimism

It is easy to feel pessimistic about the state of our world. History tells us that many of the present-day excesses in our society are but a phase as the pendulum swings gradually from one extreme to the other, but it does seem to take forever to move off the pinnacle. It is, however, possible to be somewhat optimistic, at least in remote spots like our Highlands, for history tells us that in some matters we do progress, and do not just swing from one apex to the other.

Economic evolution does often seem to actually progress. Gradually, to be sure, but real. Take our Highlands for example. My mother, who came from a land-fertile farming community, would invariably comment as our highway began to weave through the great rocky landscape taking us to our cottage, "Oh! How tough to be a farmer in these Highlands. There is so little soil." By then, however, there was lumbering and some tourism. City dwellers began to flock to our lakes. The tourist boom was for real. Cottages and resorts flourished. Going to the same locale every summer became the 'in' thing. Economic stability, at least in the summer, improved. The next phase, travel as the vacation of choice, less predictable, has often been kind to this county but not always. Tourists wander, sometimes here, sometimes there. Winter activities attract some. Influenced by weather, by external events, changing vacationing tastes - at best tourism is fickle industry on which to build a stable economy. Wooing seniors, a relatively new idea, is a two-sided proposition. Yes, for some years they can make a considerable economic contribution to the area. Then many become financial burdens. Sad but inevitable.

Where can we go from here? How can we be optimistic about the economic future of this special place? History may offer some guidelines from other times and other places. Centuries ago when the industrial age began, increasingly people from the land swarmed to the developing industrial centres.. Ease of transportation, of both

materials and people in and out, was the key to these evolving metropolises. Great cities may still offer more material benefits, but to many city life is losing its lustre with its unpredictable hours on the freeways, hectic schedules, fractured home life etc. Recent media reports state that in Los Angeles it takes three hours on good days to drive to work from the newer suburbs; also, Alameda county in the San Francisco Bay area has stopped Wal-mart's plans for a new complex, declaring, essentially, 'enough.'

History suggests we are on the verge of another economic redistribution as pervasive as that industrial one several hundred years ago. The technological revolution will slowly change the shape of our structural landscape, just at the time that the metropolitan-urban industrial model is beginning to show signs of disintegration. Without question, life will always need to be centred on the workplace. Cities, until recently, have had all the advantages in that category. Soon, not so.

We can learn much from that past age, ease of transportation again being key. Not broad highways and speeding trains but communications flowing easily and predictably will bring these new industries into any area. At the moment our Highlands' telecommunication highway is not much better than a dirt road. That 'highway' brings us our electricity - and an unpredictable ride it offers, with blackouts and blips.. It also brings us intermittent wireless connections, depending how close one is to rocky outcrops. Until we have these new kind of highways flowing consistently, we will be unable to share in the benefits that this new economy offers.

Let us be in the forefront, because this new dynamic is real. It will shape our country's physical landscape dramatically in the next half-century. We can stand back and say there is nothing we can do about the 'dirt roads' but other areas with equally complex problems will not be so sanguine. Our dream of becoming a year-round viable economy is truly possible.



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Valentine's Day 2004

My son and I were huddled in the ditch behind a jagged snow bank some thirty yards from the house. I looked over at him nervously and then peered over the rise for one last security check. The coast was clear.

"Son," I whispered, "we're about to have one of those important man to man talks. This one, however, is Top Secret and so you must know that I'll deny that we ever had this meeting should you be captured and forced to talk."

"You're about to tell me about Valentine's Day aren't you?" He shuddered.

"I'm sorry, son, but it rears its ugly head once again this week."

"Why dad? Why?"

Knowing that there was no short or easy answer, I patted him on the shoulder and began.

"I, I don't know what to tell you son....All I can say is that most people think Valentine's Day is named after a massacre. But that only happens if you forget the card. In truth, it was named after Saint Valentine."

"Valentine? Is that a real name?"

"I'm guessing he had a very hard time in the schoolyard," I said.

"Whose idea was it to make the rest of us suffer?"

"The people at Hallmark, but

some people claim it might have all started with Valentine himself."

"Why do they think that?"

"The Emperor of Rome had him executed."

"Makes sense," he nodded. "But you'd think that would have ended it then and there."

"Unfortunately son, the people at Hallmark are much more powerful than the Roman Empire, so we now have to live with this on each and every February 15th."

"Uh, dad, Valentine's Day is on the 14th," he replied.

"You're sure of this?" I asked.

It turns out he was right. Suddenly, my well-planned alibi was useless.

"Sorry dad."

Panicked, I went inside and lay on the couch trying to dream up something that might top last year's nuthin-says-luv'n like-live bait theme. I'm not saying it was a success but it had brought out a wide range of emotions in my wife, although my memory remains fuzzy on the particular details. All I know is that every time I look at the dent in my metal minnow bucket, I get all teary-eyed and sentimental.

As I reminisced, Carol walked into the room. "Penny for your thoughts?"

Unfortunately, at that particular moment I didn't have anything in stock that would give her fair value for her money. Knowing this, I moved my eyebrows up and down several times. It's an old married man's trick that buys at least a month of freedom from requests like that. When I looked up, Carol was gone.

I began formulating the great Valentine's plan. Roses, a sentimental card, dinner by candlelight, romantic music, fine wines, thoughtful gifts, and an exotic bubble bath - I would need to find a way to avoid all of these things.

Of course, it wouldn't be easy, but that's the sort of effort I was prepared to make.

A minute later, after exhausting all possible avenues of approach, I sought the advice of my daughter Jenny.

"You need to make a romantic gesture, dad," she assured me, breaking the news, none too gently.

"No way around it huh?"

"It ought to be original too," she added. "You get points for originality."

"You mean like eating a jar of beets so I can make pretty hearts in the snow bank outside her window?" I asked perhaps a little too enthusiastically. "I bet that's never been done outside of Wilberforce."

"Uh, no," she advised. "And it probably never should be."

"What if I was to fry her up a beef heart and write 'Would you be my Valentine?' beneath it in onions? I hear women love it when a man cooks for them."

I'm not one for sentiment but, I must admit, the very thought of that even got me a little choked up.

Obviously taken aback by this subtle and elegant Valentine's gesture, Jenny shook her head and remained completely silent - for several minutes. Sadly, I realized that I just might have spoiled romance for her. How will the man that courts her ever measure up to dad? Perhaps realizing this, she ran screaming from the room.

"This Valentine's Day is sinister," I muttered. "Sinister..."

So here I am with fewer than five days to go and I'm all out of good ideas.

Then again, maybe I'm going about it all wrong. I know it sounds crazy but maybe, just maybe, a woman needs outward signs of affection that don't involve snow banks, live bait or large animal organs.

Which leaves me with roses, dinner, a movie and romantic sentiments straight from the heart. What the heck, I'm guessing it would be a whole lot easier on the minnow bucket too.

tales from



steve
galea

vinegar hill



pic of the past

Hockey has always been an important part of winter in the Highlands, but in the community's earlier days the games between local teams and those from other towns took on an importance and spawned a level of excitement that is seldom matched today. This photo shows the 1952 Haliburton Juvenile team with the trophy they won that year in a league that included Parry Sound and Huntsville. Many people in the community will recognize the names of most, if not all of the players who met their rival in the unheated, natural ice arena of the day. Back row from left: Mervyn Elstone, Bill Kellett, Sid Cooper, Eddie Drake, Louis Hodgson, Bill Harding, Dave Chambers, Buzz Hodgson. Front row from left: Jimmy Pearson, Bill Rinne, Woody Wood, Bob Dart, Harold Whittaker, Lorne Henderson, Stuart Baker, Gayle Brown, Len Salvatori,

letters to the editor

Cheaper water options ignored

To the Editor:

A little over three years ago when the Wilberforce water issue first came to light, as a member of Highlands East Council I made a suggestion that each individual affected by the closure of the existing artesian well be offered \$2,000 towards the cost of drilling a new well. I was told by the Reeve that it was much too expensive and the people affected might not be satisfied. Let's make the offer and see what happens," I countered, "Too expensive," I was told.

In the last three years \$127,000 has been spent on testing, plus whatever consulting fees may have been charged over and above this amount. A far cry from the \$15,000 or \$20,000 my suggestion would have cost!

Last October Brad Kalus came to council with a cost of \$700,000, including the cost of running the water system to Maplevue Apts. Later he came back with a cost of \$1,000,000. I asked why the extra \$300,000. The original \$700,000 did not include Maplevue, I was told.

In a recent issue of *The Echo* Mr. Kalus is quoted as saying the cost would be \$500,000 to \$700,000. This week it is back up to \$1,000,000 with an admission that the costs could be higher. Will he be prepared to quote an upset limit? Not very likely!

The bottom line is that Mr. Kalus does not have the vaguest idea what the final cost will be. I wonder if he really cares, considering the many thousands of dollars his firm will be banking at the expense of Highlands East taxpayers.

Even more disturbing is the attitude of our council, who are existing in La La Land over this very serious issue. We have been told this will be a user pay situation. The Reeve made this statement at three election forums. I am still waiting for him to explain the mechanics of how so few people will pay this very exorbitant cost, particularly when the cost exceeds the current estimate. My guess is that it will cost the municipality a minimum of \$500,000, probably more.

Mr. Kalus stated there was a legal obligation to continue providing water. Not so according to my understanding.

The municipality's C.A.O. told council some time ago to close the well and provide water for our municipal buildings. I believe this was very good advice. How unfortunate council chose not to listen.

Chuck Viner,
Gooderham

Outdoors Association clarifies funding

To the Editor:

In response to your article in *The Echo* on February 3, 2004, (regarding grant requests to Haliburton County Council) I would like to clarify a few items for your readers.

See **County** page 19

Boonieville by Charlie Telfeur





The Red Hawks hockey squad has a lock on first place in AA Kawartha. HHSS win big over Raiders in second last game before the playoffs. See story on page 12.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Red Hawks rule Sir Sam's slopes

Julie Johnston was queen of the slopes as she finished with the fastest time in the slalom and the second fastest time in the giant slalom overall.

Red Hawks snowboarding coach Dave Chambers was blown away by Johnston's performance.

"Julie, she beat everybody. She beat [most of] them by more than a second," he said.

Chambers believes there is a combination of things that has propelled her to the top.

"She rides her edges clean and has good balance," he said.

The Red Hawks co-coach is Janice Kinney. Both coaches are heading the team for the first time.

Johnston, a Junior Red Hawk, posted the fastest overall time in the slalom event (31:42) with Red Hawks Junior boys James Allison as the next closest competitor at 32:19. Johnston was edged out in the giant slalom by 0.79 seconds by a Fenelon Falls Secondary School competitor Mike Janke (25:78).

The time was even more impressive since Johnston raced the giant slalom course near the end when it was iciest Chambers adds.

The Red Hawks captured 14 of the top 20 places at the competition and demonstrated their dominance in the two speed disciplines.

The team will be preparing for their next event -- the Kawartha Championships.

Noteworthy HHSS results:

HHSS took the top three positions in the Junior boys: James Allison, Dylan Metcalfe and Robert Bjelis.

Junior girl Rebecca Ide finished just behind Johnston, taking third place while HHSS Senior girl Cindy Malloy took first place while Katlyn Hewson rounded out the top three in third place. Chris Shelley captured second place in the Senior boys.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Final Results

Jr. Girls	Sr. Girls
1 Julie Johnston	1 Cindy Malloy
3 Rebecca Ide	3 Katlyn Hewson
4 Alana Lacy	4 Kourtney Matysek
5 Natalia Rico	7 Sarah Britton
6 Natasha McGann	8 Jaimie Pettes
	9 Jessica Harpley
	10 Belinda Hewitt
Jr. Boys	Sr. Boys
1 James Allison	2 Chris Shelley
2 Dylan Metcalfe	4 Jordan Bray Miners
3 Robert Bjelis	5 Mathew Smith
5 Scott Fennell	6 Darren Johnston
6 Cody Mills	7 Gavin Swan
8 Gavin Hicks	8 Adam Truman
9 Kieran Gilloly	10 Dale McCrae
11 Adrian Martin	11 Dan Jung
12 Nicholas Greaves	18 Brent Robitaille
17 Cody Tomiuck	
19 Mathew Cole	

Top right: Dylan Metcalfe made it look easy as he momentarily shuts his eyes during his slalom run.

Left: Junior Red Hawk Julie Johnston had the overall fastest slalom time and the second fastest giant slalom.

Bottom: Gavin Swan takes a turn nearing the bottom of the slalom course.

Bottom left: Cindy Malloy had reason to smile as she captured a first place in the Senior girls competition.

Photos by Darren Lum



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Storm ground Eagles attack, advance to quarter-finals

TOM HALEY

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Atom Rep team has advanced to the quarter finals in the OMHA playdowns with a 3-1 series win over the Ennismore Eagles.

Game one was played in Ennismore with the Storm coming away with a decisive 6-0 victory. Brandon Yake had two goals and one assist, Brett Yake had four assists, Aaron Hillier had one goal and two assists, Mark Vasey had two assists, and Zane Zondervan, Carson Roberts and Ashton Haley each picked up a goal and Ian Bottum added an assist.

Game two was played in Minden on Sunday Feb 1. The boys played a strong game but had difficulty finding the back of the net. Ennismore

was able to capitalize on a few minor Storm mistakes and skate away with a 3-1 win. Mark Vasey tipped Cole Rowden's point shot for the lone Storm goal.

The Storm boys don't take losing lightly and with the series tied at a

game apiece they knew they had a job to do, dominating the entire third game with strong forechecking, backchecking and passing. It finally paid off with Ashton Haley opening the scoring with a wrist shot

from the top of the circle to beat the Ennismore goalie. This pumped up the team and later in the game Mark Vasey scored to give the Storm a two-goal lead. Ennismore pulled their goalie late in the game but could not get a quality shot. The game ended 2-0 Storm.

Game 4 was in

Haliburton on Feb 7. Ashton Haley opened the scoring early

in the first with a low wrist shot to the stick side of the Ennismore goalie; Brett Yake and Cole Rowden Assisted. Mark Vasey

continued the one-two punch with his second goal in as many games with a low shot that beat the visitors' goalie between the legs. Cole Rowden and Scooter Hunter picked up assists.

The strong defensive play of Greg Clements, Kevin Nelson, Ian Bottum, Cole Rowden, and Scooter Hunter and the goaltending of Zach Harrison has helped the team get to where they are.

The Storm now faces Schomberg with the series getting underway this weekend. Places and times to be announced. Come out and support the boys on their journey in the OMHA playdowns.



Right: Ryan Bottom blazed to a first place in Junior Boys.

Far Right: Josh Mayhew ascends the first hill on the race course.

Right Bottom: Max Creelman chases down Alex Brown on the first hill and finished behind HHSS teammate Ryan Bottom for second place in the Junior Boys.

Bottom: Junior Girls Karen Cox-Gurdon comes down the final downhill of the course to a seventh place finish.



Photos by Darren Lum

Red Hawks skate to top



Haliburton hosted the Kawartha Nordic High School competition at Glebe Park on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The event was convened by Lakefield College School. Twelve HHSS athletes earned top-10 placings and look poised to continue their strong performances at this week's COSSA competition also at Glebe Park on Feb. 11. There were 90 competitors from schools such as Lakefield College School, Crestwood Secondary School, Thomas A. Stewart Secondary, and PCVS who competed in Novice, Junior, and Senior categories.



Final Results

Novice Girls (first year competitors)
3rd Sarah Mornettas, 12:27
6th Amber Wright, 13:08
9th Cecily Taylor, 15:08
10th Lisa Wright, 16:31
12th Jenn Goodwin

Junior Boys -1st place team
1st Ryan Bottom, 19:01
2nd Max Creelman, 19:35
7th Josh Mayhew, 25:26
David Wright

Junior Girls
3rd Laura Stouffer, 15:33
7th Karen Cox-Gurdon, 20:14

Senior Girls
Andrea Lindenberg

Senior Boys
5th Josh Wales, 23:42
8th Sean Kearney, 24:47
9th Conrad Flatman, 24:58
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the bedroom

My husband was one of those guys. So when our daughter Skylar was born, he went nuts. Not to mention, a little overboard with the stuffed animals. Recently, we bought her a new bed. We decided to surprise her by redecorating her room. While the pink colour scheme was his idea, the NEW Ulti-Matte Enamel Paint from Benjamin Moore was mine. Because grandma knows, there are already enough distractions in her room with all those teddy bears. The last thing it needs is a distracting glow on the walls too.

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Red Hawks raze Raiders

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

HHSS 8
PCVS 1

The Red Hawks were flying against the last-place Raiders after a two-week exam layoff.

Red Hawks leading scorer Evan Kernohan started last Monday's game at the Dysart arena with the first two goals.

Minutes into the game Kernohan released a quick wrist shot just as he skated over the blue line, handcuffing the PCVS goalie at 12:46 of the first period. Benji Saunders assisted on the play.

Kernohan kept coming, using his speed and skill to evade defensive coverage. Late in the first period he took an outlet pass from Josh Fick in the defensive zone and skated the length of the ice, leaving a Raiders defenseman trailing in his wake. As he hit the slot he whipped a backhand that went through the Raiders' goalie to give the Red Hawks a 2-0 lead with seconds left in the first period.

It was all the team needed as they went on to dominate the game, winning 8-1 in an anticlimactic match.

Red Hawks goalie Jeremy Moynes was in net and surrendered the lone goal minutes into the third period.

With just one game before the playoffs the Red Hawks (10-2-2) lead the AA Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League by four points over second-place Lakefield DSS Tigers and the Adam Scott Lions.

The team earned a bye in the first round of playoffs and is expected to enter the post-season in first place. Among AA Kawartha teams, the Red Hawks have dominated play as shown by their season statistics: 76 goals for and 35 against.

Note: Matt Roberts finished the game with three points (two goals and an assist). Evan Kernohan continues to lead Red Hawk scorers with 19 points (14 goals and 5 assists). Jesse Johnson is second with 17 points (seven goals and 10 assists) while Benji Saunders rounds out the top three with 16 points (three goals and 13 assists).



DARREN LUM/Echo

Evan Kernohan gets hauled down by a Raiders defenseman in the first period. He tallied two goals despite the close coverage, getting the game winner.

Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League Standings (Feb. 6)

AA schools	gp	wins	losses	ties	gf	ga	pts
HHSS Red Hawks	14	10	2	2	76	35	22
Lakefield Tigers	15	9	6	0	64	37	18
Adam Scott Lions	15	9	6	0	56	54	18
Kenner Rams	15	7	6	2	57	56	16

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Red Hawks grounded by Clarke Secondary

Perennial volleyball powerhouse steals the Red Hawks thunder in recent tournament

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Staff Reporter

Dominating the competition was as easy as 1-2-3 except when the Red Hawks played Clarke Secondary School at a tournament last week.

Coach Roland Zilla said, "That was the team to beat."

He expects Clarke will be the team that all AA Kawartha teams will need to beat if they want to get past Kawartha, including the Red Hawks.

Clarke has been a perennial powerhouse, winning Kawartha and COSSA last year. The Red Hawks did, howev-

er, squeak out a victory against them earlier in this pre-season by way of a match split (1-1), winning by point differential.

In the tournament's first meeting between Clarke and the Red Hawks, HHSS were in command with a 23-17, but couldn't stave off a last ditch charge by Clarke who won 28-26. Clarke went on to win the match 2-0.

Clarke continued their dominance against the rest of the teams at the tournament and even shutout the Red Hawks in the second meeting on the day, 2-0.

The Red Hawks ended up winning

every other game, leaving with a second place and a four-match (8-0) victory over teams such as Port Hope, LCVI, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Marys.

Before the tournament power Brittany Hicks was left off the roster due to broken wrist suffered in a hockey game during the weekend. She is not expected to recover in time for the play-offs. Kirsten Rae has been moved from her middle position to power and has made the transition with little difficulty.

"She played really well," he said. "She's maturing as an athlete and as a person."

Zilla adds her maturity was never really in question, but her progression as a person has translated equally on the court.

Even though Zilla admits his team is just not as good as Clarke yet, he believes that Paige Collins and Cassidy Zilla are the best two setters among AA Kawartha teams.

Both capable at passing, it's their height (both taller than 5'5") that gives them advantages over other setters who are commonly shorter he adds.

The Red Hawks will be preparing for playoffs scheduled in a few weeks.

Fishing without licence fine increased by 200 per cent

Effective January 1, 2004, people who break the rules while fishing will face significantly higher fines.

"This is the first increase in fine values since the late 1980s", says Ontario Conservation Officers Association President Jim McMullen. "Our association has been lobbying the government for many years to see fines for fisheries offences brought in line with violations of related provincial legislation such as

the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. We believe that these new fines will more accurately reflect the value of the fisheries resource to Ontarians, and will hopefully act as a deterrent to those who choose the fish illegally.

"In some cases in the old fine structure, the cost of a licence was not much different than that of the fine" stated McMullen. "Therefore for some anglers, there was no incentive to comply with

the rules".

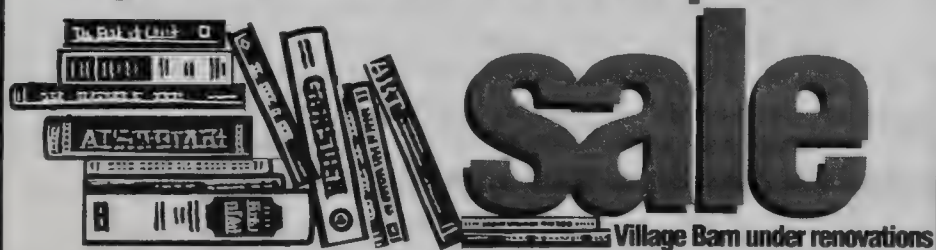
For example, the old fine for angling without a licence was \$50. In the new fine structure this will increase to \$155 including a victim surcharge. Other fines for offences under the Ontario Fishery Regulations have increased similarly.

Officers still maintain the discretion to issue a warning for any offence, issue a ticket that can be settled out of court or

they may choose to summons violators to court for serious or repeat offences. The Maximum penalty for fishing offences is \$100,000 and or 6 months imprisonment.

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•**Ontario Stewardship Rangers:** The Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program is an eight-week summer job that provides 17-year-olds with the opportunity to work with local conservation groups and focus on com-

munity-based environmental projects. Participants live at home and travel to their work location daily. Ontario Stewardship Rangers work on a variety of projects including stream and wetland restoration projects. Applicants must be born in 1987 to be eligible in 2004. The application deadline is April 30, 2004.

•**Internship Program:** These jobs allow college, university students and recent graduates (within five years) to gain significant work skills and experience in natural resource management. MNR interns work on contract for 40 weeks. In 2004, the ministry will pilot the Forester Internship Program with five positions. For information: <http://ontariosforests.mnr.gov.on.ca/ontariosforests.cfm>

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The Skills Inventory Project adding to the arts

A new Skills Inventory Project will build on the efforts of the Arts Council to create a comprehensive database of individuals and businesses in the county who are involved in the arts. This includes all of the arts: visual arts, craft, music, theatre, literary arts, graphic arts, design arts, media arts - from the song-writer to the landscape designer, from the blacksmith to the poet, from the painter to the filmmaker, from the website designer to the potter. And all of the businesses involved in production, promotion and sale of these creative goods and services.

It's a new project for The Arts Council for Haliburton County, which was formed under the auspices of the Haliburton County Development Corporation to provide a strong voice for the arts in Haliburton County, to serve as a catalyst for community economic development through the arts and to contribute to the vibrancy of the arts and community life.

The arts are an important contributor to the economy in Haliburton County through tourism, education and training; the production, display, sale and export of art; the sale of materials and supplies; and the creative work of skilled artisans. The importance of development of this sector has been identified in the Strategic Plan of Haliburton County.

An inventory of the skills, talents and resources that exist in Haliburton County will support the development of training, new business and employment opportunities and opportunities for community economic development in this important sector of the economy.

The Skills Inventory Project will provide a detailed picture of the skills, talents and resources that exist in the County, identify areas of interest and opportunity for youth in examining or developing careers in the arts and identify the interest and needs for training, resources career and business development of both emerging and experienced artists. The Skills Inventory Project will also identify individuals in the County with skills, talents and knowledge who are interested in being mentors.

The development or attraction to the County of new businesses involved in creative activity; the support for emerging and experienced artists and arts-related businesses to advance their careers in Haliburton County; and the encouragement of individual artists to choose Haliburton County as their place of residence and work will contribute to the diversification of our local economy.

The Skills Inventory Project for the Arts is part of a regional initiative - the Community Skills Inventory Project spearheaded by COIN (Community Opportunities Innovation Network - Peterborough).

Funding for this project is being provided by Human Resources Development Canada and the Rural Secretariat of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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'The wetlands guy' wows 'em!

Kids get a giggle when 'The Not So Great Outdoorsman' visits Wilberforce Elementary School with Environment Haliburton

CATHY OLLIFFE

Special to The Echo

There's an old saying in the entertainment biz: never share a stage with a cute kid or a dog. I want to change that expression a wee bit: never share a stage with a cute kid, a dog or Steve Galea.

He looks harmless enough: short in stature, gentle in voice, polite – for the most part. But he's a dynamo when it comes to scene-stealing.

On February 3 I had to stand with him at the front of two classrooms at Wilberforce Elementary School. And, let me say, I might as well have been sitting outside in the car for all my presence mattered. From the minute Steve told his first joke, the Grade 3/4 class was in

stitches.

"When I first talked to Cathy about this," he began, "I didn't realize she wanted me to talk about wetlands; I thought she said wet pants. And I want you guys to know that I'm over that!"

The kids had a real belly laugh over that one. They did a lot of giggling as Steve engaged them in a half-hour discussion about wetlands: what they are, why they're important and what kind of creatures live there. The children loved to talk about the critters – everyone, it seemed, had a story about seeing a turtle or a frog that was SO BIG that eventually someone described a frog that was as big as a party-sized pizza.

Steve said, "Must have been ceramic."

They also took great delight in talking

about the deer and moose their mothers ran into while driving the family car.

Between turtle and moose stories, Steve managed to impart a little information about wetlands. The point, after all, was to talk about wetlands because February 2 was World Wetlands Day all over the world. While the event shares the spotlight with furballs like Wiarton Willie, World Wetlands Day is becoming more of a big deal.

This year, for example, Environment Haliburton (EH!) decided to spread the news by sending letters out to municipalities, posting information on EH's website (www.environmenthaliburton.ca) and having Steve talk to elementary students about wetlands.

Steve, who is a multi-award winning columnist and humorist, writes about the outdoors for *The Haliburton County Echo* and *The Minden Times*, as well as magazines such as *Ontario Out Of Doors* and *Today's Parent*. He has also written a book about his hunting and fishing misadventures called *My Outdoors — Humour from the Field and Stream*.

His talent with words, his admiration for children and his knowledge of wetlands made him popular with the Grade 3/4 class and the Grade 5/6 class – although the latter was a tougher audience at first. ("They didn't laugh at my wet pants joke!" he told me later.) But while the younger kids laughed and talked turtles, the older students showed a keen interest in wetlands, as well as a considerable amount of knowledge about the topic. So many hands were raised that Steve had a tough time making sure everyone had a chance to speak.

The students also seemed to appreciate the goodies that were passed around: an EH! bookmark, a Ducks Unlimited story-



The Grade 3/4 class at Wilberforce Elementary School enjoyed a real laugh when Environment Haliburton! brought outdoors writer Steve Galea to speak about wetlands on Feb. 3.

book called "A Wetland Tale," and a sticker that came all the way from Switzerland, where World Wetlands Day organizer, the Ramsar Bureau, is situated.

The event was so successful that Steve and I are already talking about next year. We'd like to go to another school, maybe even two schools, and he'd like to get a slide show together. But he and I are both a little nervous about hitting the high school circuit. "I'd be afraid they'd know more than me!" he quipped. "Actually, I'm pretty sure those five and sixes knew more than me!" Me too.



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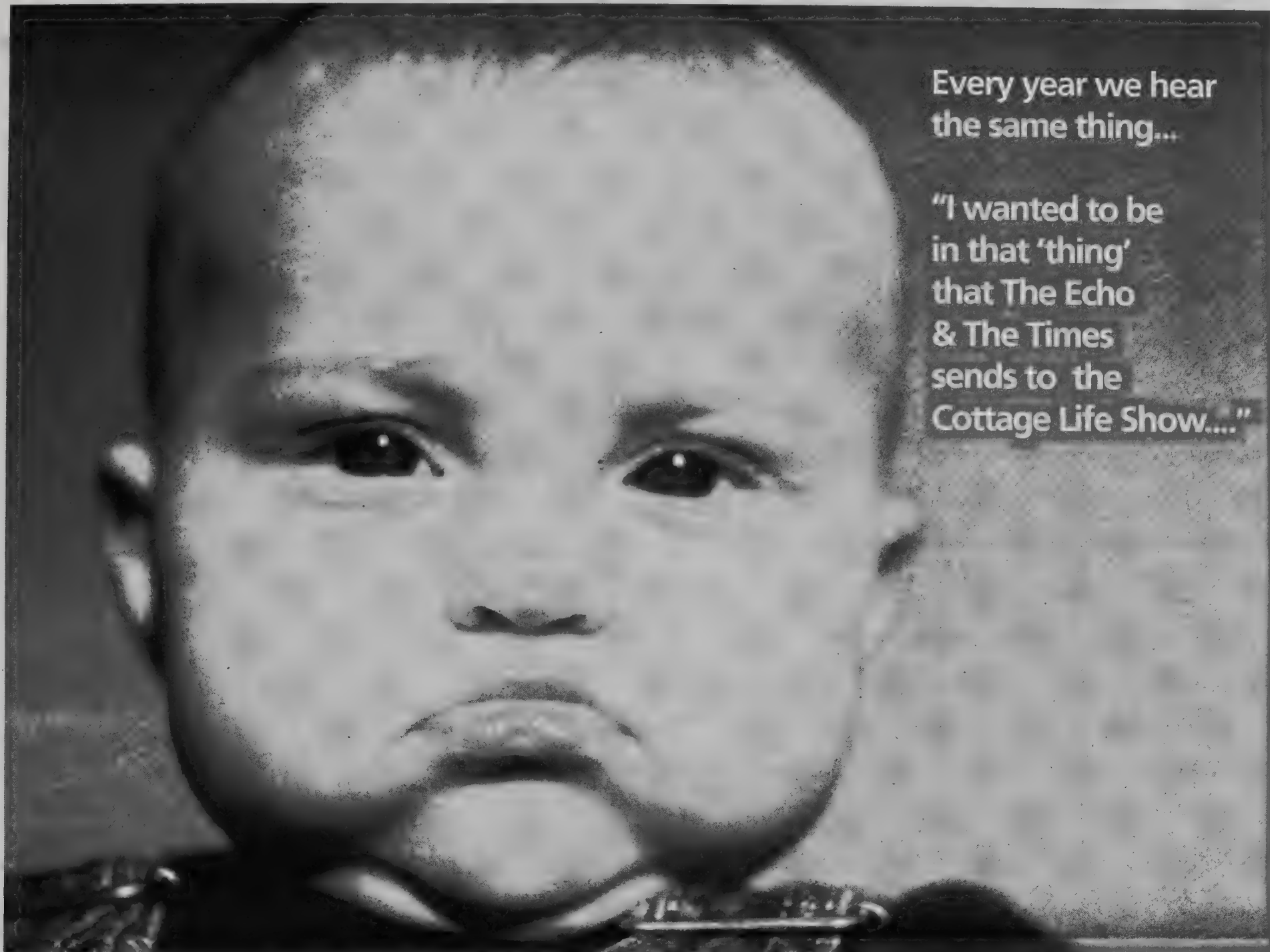


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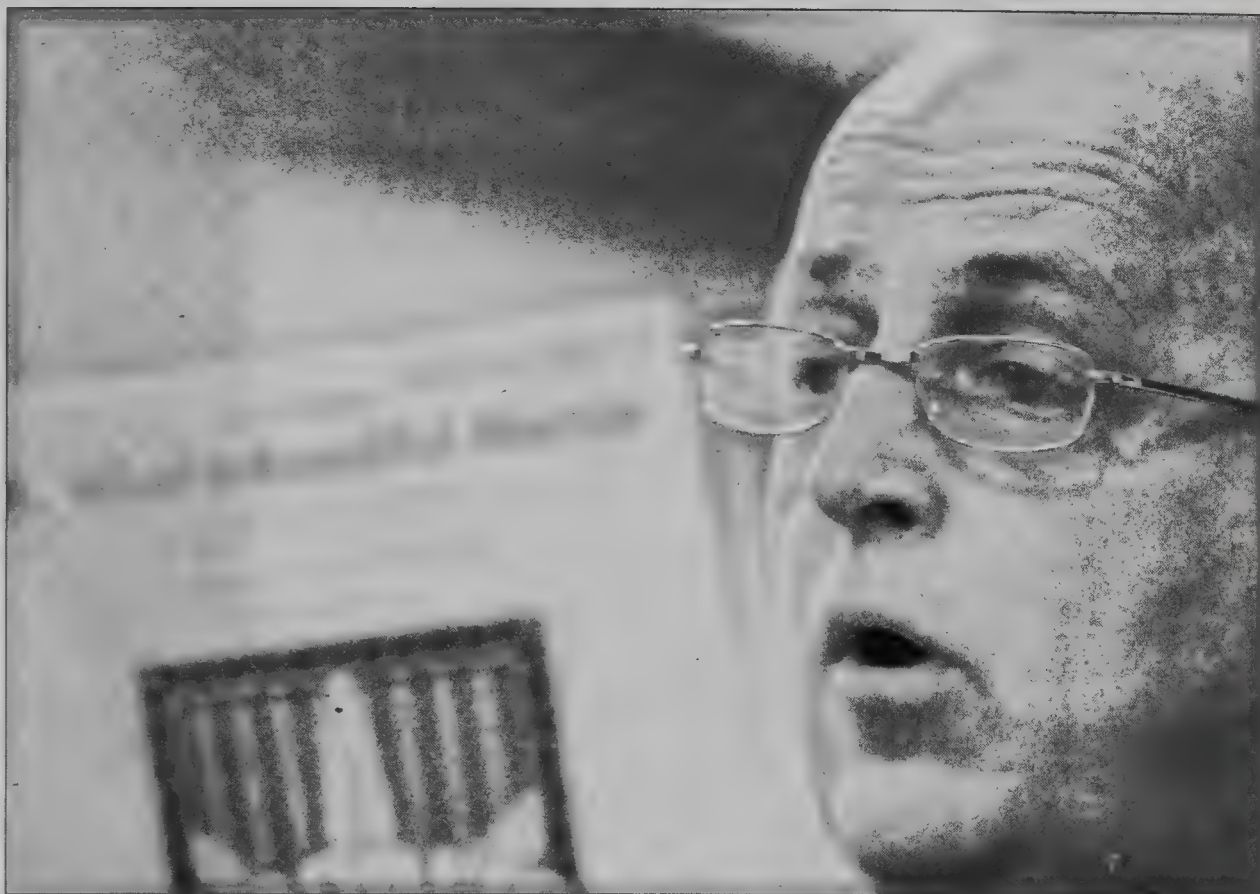


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Haliburton Male Chorus presenting first concert

Under the direction of Melissa Stephens the chorus, including Curtis Eastmure, at right, has been practising at the Haliburton United Church.



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The chorus is working very hard in preparation for their upcoming concert, "Singin' Away The Winter Blues", on Sunday, February 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 2:30 p.m.

The director has chosen a wide selection of music for their first concert which will include songs from several movies, Broadway shows, Gilbert & Sullivan as well as traditional African folk songs. In addition to the chorus there will be an octet doing two numbers in the barbershop style.

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The County of Haliburton has graciously provided the HHOA with the following grants; \$1,000 in 2000, \$3,000 in 2001, \$2,000 in 2002 and \$5,000 in 2003. Also in 2000, the County granted the Haliburton Lake Trout Project \$4,000. This amounts to only \$11,000 granted directly to the HHOA. To quote a single donation of \$20,000 in one year is very misleading. We do recognize however, that this may have been an editing error.

Regarding the Haliburton Hatchery Trust and the \$100,000 grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources, I would like to emphasize that this trust has been realized as a result of two years of extensive negotiations with the MNR. I would like the opportunity to explain the guidelines of this trust.

Yes, the MNR has granted the Haliburton Hatchery Trust \$100,000, however, this money is to be allocated over the next four years. In essence the Haliburton Fish Hatchery is able to use a maximum of \$25,000 of the grant for hatchery operations each year. In the past, the MNR has granted the hatchery \$25,000 per year on an annual basis. This

is the first time, the MNR have granted a long term commitment of funds to the HHOA (or even a group like the HHOA that we are aware of).

There are specific guidelines outlying what the money can be used for and the trustee, Haliburton County Development Corporation, has been contracted to ensure the guidelines are met. This money is only part of the funds we need to carry out all the activities we participate in i.e. education, student employment, scientific studies of the fish that we raise and stock in area lakes, deer feeding, and of course we have undertaken a new project this year to raise walleye at the hatchery that will be stocked into lakes within Haliburton County.

These are only a few of the projects that we at the HHOA participate in and we would welcome any contribution to help us achieve our goals. Any contribution given to our trust fund will be eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you for the opportunity to reply.

John Ball, President,
Haliburton Highlands Outdoors
Association

Haliburton shopkeeper will be missed

To the Editor:

Buildings change and businesses change on Haliburton's main street, but nothing is as significant a change as the absence of Betty Grant in Bernsteins.

Ever since I came to Guilford, Betty's was the buoyant step and cheery smile that greeted me there. In the past few

years the step altered and faltered somewhat, but the welcome and cheerful assistance remained and was appreciated every time I shopped there.

Changes happen, sometimes for the better, but this is one that just makes me sad.

Eleanor Cooper
West Guilford

The bird feeder

I have a flock of birds that come,
I think they are my pets.
They feel that Providence put out the seed,
They just don't know it yet!

I strung the wires, and pulled them taut;
I filled the feeders; who'd have thought
That after all my work and loving care

The birds just felt 'twas free and fair!
I look with wonder through window pane,
They fuss and eat, then go again.
So who's the boss of my garden lot?
The birds don't care. And me? I'm not!

by Kenneth J Holm



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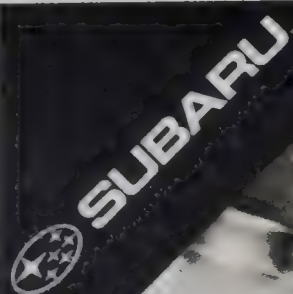
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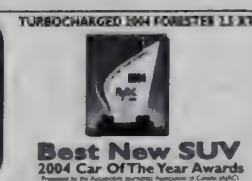
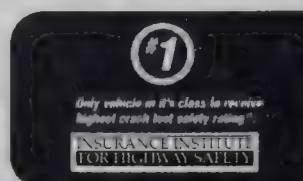
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Celebrating enduring love

Time may have slowed them, but Max and Betty Strang, Dick and Laura Kirkwood, still cherish their life together.

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

IT is not a romantic scene. Two similar, uncarpeted rooms designed for wheelchairs, each with a pair of hospital-style single beds covered in knitted afghans, a tub of homemade ginger cookies on the bureau of one, a trinket from home on another. No wine. No roses. No sign of the enticements to passion the marketing machine pushes in the days leading up to the now hugely commercial holiday of love. Yet love will nestle nowhere more snugly this Valentine's Day than in the hearts of the people here.

The setting for this love story is Extendicare Haliburton. The characters are Max and Betty Strang, and Laura and Richard Kirkwood. The plot is as cupid intended - predictable but no less remarkable for it. It is the first time the long-term care home has had two couples actually living together in the same rooms, an uncommon circumstance in this field where the level of care required dictates where a resident is put, not their matrimonial status, says staffer Carol Browne.

On October 3 of this year, Richard and Laura Kirkwood will have been married for an astonishing 70 years. Mr. Kirkwood, "a Minden boy," met his wife

at an outdoor skating rink. He had purchased an eight-room house in Minden on the Gull River and was looking for a wife. Mrs. Kirkwood was from Little Britain outside of Lindsay and taught skating. She says it was the only thing to do in the winter for recreation - one of the only ways to meet nice young men. The couple was married and he still has his wedding suit.

"I don't know if we were a handsome couple but we're a happy couple," says Mr. Kirkwood.

The couple has not only survived almost 70 years of marriage and retained a charming devotion to each other, but they also worked together. They converted their home into a bed and breakfast, later adding cabins. Mrs. Kirkwood says her husband's responsibility was "doing the cabins," making the beds, cleaning and tidying things up. They shared the responsibility for a large vegetable garden, a garden so big, she says they didn't have to buy much in the store.

"We managed. We had our arguments. Nothing too dangerous. Maybe we were too tired to do anything about them," she says with a smile.

They were regular parishioners at the United Church. Mr. Kirkwood says they use to enjoying canoeing the four miles down to Gull Lake, where they'd barbecue a dinner and then head home in time to go to an evening church service. He jokes about struggling to stay awake for

those services.

Mrs. Kirkwood sold marriage certificates and says she enjoyed making so many people happy. She says people often come up to her, even today, to say they got their marriage certificate from her. She recalls years ago working in the corner of her dining room that she used for an office when she heard a voice calling from the front of the house at the other end of the long hall.

"Here I come again Mrs. Kirkwood," she draws out the words slowly with an exaggerated creak and waver to her voice. The voice from that long ago day had belonged to an 80-year-old woman who was coming for her third certificate. Mrs. Kirkwood laughs with her husband: they both can clearly remember this old soul who did not let age interfere with her intentions for matrimonial bliss.

Passion, after all, does not run on a stop watch. The Strangs are a refreshing example of time's inability to diminish their love. They met in a Toronto factory just prior to the Second World War. She was working a secretary and doing "anything they'd let a woman do" when one day in walked in a handsome stranger - Max Strang. He was a university graduate engineer looking for work; he found no more than a job when he took on the position at the factory.

"I was very popular and seeing someone else," she admits. "But it was love at first sight. He made up his mind he was

going to marry me and so he did. It's been a love affair ever since."

He teases her that his attraction was based on the fact that there wasn't anyone else there but the strident pride they have in each other speaks to the depth of their feelings. They were married in 1942 and spent their honeymoon in Irondale, beginning a lifelong affair with each other and the area. They were together in the war. He was a captain in the army and she joined him in England while serving with the Red Cross.

They come home to Canada to have two sons, Bob and Jim, but never put the suitcases too far away. The couple has enjoyed a lot of travelling - Hawaii being a special favourite. Mr. Strang is well known in the community for his service with Rotary for more than 35 years. Her claim to fame is being able to earn enough respect from nine male directors of education on a Toronto school board to be voted as the first female chairwoman of the board. She says that as a mother she felt it was her responsibility to know as much about the school system as she could and that quest for knowledge led her to the board. Mr. Strang says she did an excellent job and he's very proud of her. The two seem to have strongly supported each other's endeavors.

"It's been a special life in every way and I say that from the bottom of my heart. We've had a wonderful life together," says Mrs. Strang.

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Romantic Breakfasts

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Pecan Waffles

3 eggs separated
1 1/2 cups buttermilk,
One teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 cups all purpose flour
Add strawberries and whipped cream (of course)

In a medium bowl beat the egg whites until stiff. Set aside. In a large bowl beat the remaining waffle ingredients together. Fold in the egg whites. Pour into a hot waffle iron that has been greased and bake. If you don't have heart shaped waffle maker, use a heart shaped cookie cutter to cut out shapes or trim by hand.

From American Country Inn B&B Cookbook
by Lucian and Kitty Maynard

Strawberries and Cream

Fresh berries
One cup whipping cream, beaten with 2 tablespoons sugar
Put in a fancy champagne or other glasses, serve and enjoy.

Raspberry Fool

3 envelopes gelatin, softened
A little boiling water
1 pint raspberries
6 cups heavy cream
Sugar to taste
Brandy to taste

To decorate:
2 cups heavy cream, whipped
Brandy to taste
Sugar to taste

Dissolve the softened gelatin in boiling water, stirring thoroughly. Purée the raspberries and their juice in a blender or food processor. With the motor still running, add the dissolved gelatin in a steady stream. Lightly whip

the cream with the sugar then add the brandy. Take care – if the brandy is added too soon, the cream will not thicken. Carefully fold in the raspberry purée. When thoroughly mixed transfer to a glass-serving bowl and refrigerate, overnight if possible.

To decorate: whip the heavy cream with sugar to taste. When thick, add brandy to taste and use to decorate the fool.

Chocolate Hearts

2 oz semisweet chocolate
1 1/4 cups milk
1/2 cup sifted cocoa
1/4 cup butter
2/3 cup sugar
3 eggs yolks
1 envelope gelatin
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup heavy cream

Melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler set over simmering water. Allow to cool. Put milk, sifted cocoa, butter and sugar in a saucepan and bring to the boil. In a bowl, beat the egg yolks until creamy and mix with the melted chocolate. Strain on the hot; milk mixture and whisk well.

In a small bowl, soften the gelatin in the water and add to the chocolate custard mixture. Stir well to make sure the gelatin is completely dissolved. In a large bowl, whip the cream to soft peaks. Fold in the cold chocolate mixture with a metal spoon. Pour into eight small heart-shaped molds and refrigerate overnight.

To serve: unmold each chocolate heart on to a chilled desert plate.

*You can get these inexpensive molds at bulk stores. You can also use cookie heart shaped cut outs as a last minute substitute.

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Romantic Meals

It's that time of year where your man or woman has to step up to the plate and be romantic.

Here are some fast and easy recipes for the man or woman in your life to enjoy. Remember it is not only the food that is important but also the setting. Set the table with your nicest dishes, chill a good bottle of wine or non-alcoholic bubbly. Definitely get flowers and light the candles. Soft music in the background – Josh Groban or Anita Baker work for me.

Have an appetizer by the fire and in Haliburton who doesn't have one of those? (Maybe we were expecting lots of close and cuddly nights.)

And best of all, leave the dishes until tomorrow...

Appetizer

Brie with Red Pepper Jelly

Take a small Brie, remove the top layer of skin and pour the warm *Red Pepper Jelly on top. Let cool and serve with tasty and interesting crackers.

*Remove the lid and put the jar in the microwave until the jelly is loose.

Raspberry Chicken

2 whole boneless, skinless breasts
2 tbsp butter
1/4 finely chopped onion
1/4 cup raspberry vinegar
1/4 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 tbsp crushed tomatoes
1/4 cup frozen raspberries

Split and flatten the breasts. In a large skillet melt the butter. Add the chicken and cook for three minutes on each side.

Remove and reserve. Add the onion to the fat in the pan and cook for 15 minutes. Add the vinegar and cook uncovered until the syrup is reduced to one tablespoon.

Whisk in the chicken broth, heavy cream, and crushed tomatoes. Simmer for one minute. Return the chicken to the skillet and simmer gently in the sauce, basting often until done, about 5 minutes. Remove the chicken. Add the raspberries to the sauce and cook over low heat for one minutes. Pour the sauce over the chicken and serve.

Serves 4

White Chocolate Mousse

with Raspberry Sauce

2 cups heavy cream
1 envelope unflavoured gelatin
6 oz white baking chocolate
2 tsp vanilla extract
2 egg whites
4 tablespoons sugar
Seedless raspberry jam
Brandy (optional)

In a heavy saucepan pour one cup of cream. Sprinkle the gelatin over the surface and let stand for 5 minutes to soften (no heat). Begin to heat the cream over a low heat, stirring until the gelatin dissolves. Add the chocolate, stirring occasionally until it melts and mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat and let stand covered for 15 minutes to cool. In a separate bowl whip the remaining one cup of cream with the vanilla until light and fluffy. In a separate bowl beat the egg whites until stiff. Add the sugar one tablespoon at a time, beating after each addition. Combine the chocolate mixture, cream mixture and egg whites, and fold gently to blend well. Pour into a small trifle or decorative bowl and let stand for a few minutes.

Thin the sauce or jam with brandy and drizzle over the top of mousse in straight narrow lines. Use a knife to pull across parallel lines through to create a pattern.

Serves 4-6

Above recipes from The American Country Inn and Bed and Breakfast Cookbook by Kitty and Lucian Maynard.

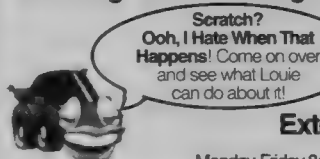
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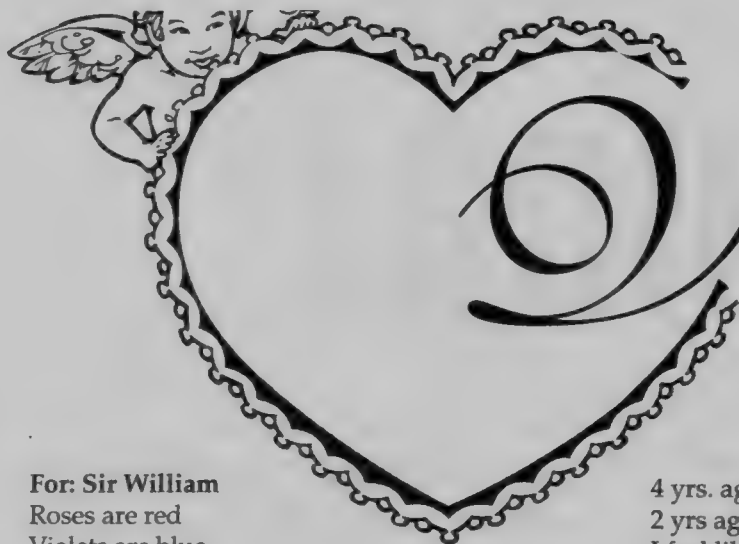
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Valentine. wishes

For: Sir William

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Happiness came
When I fell in love with you.
Roses are red,
But sometimes their white,
My joy began
When I became your wife.
Roses are red,
And as the years went by
Three children came along
My how the time did fly.
Roses are red
Violets are blue
We lived our lives together
Into retirement too.
Your Honey Bunch of Stink Weeds.

To Nancy:

I love you more today,
More today, than yesterday.
But I'll love you
Less today,
Less than I will tomorrow.
Love Larry.

Lady:

Love makes all hearts gentle
Love makes all days sweet
Love makes earth a heaven
Love makes life complete
Love John

Cabbage Patch:

You started out small
But have grown up fast.
Pretty soon you'll be looking
Back at the past.
Your off to a great start.
Your life has just begun
But the best is yet to come.
Love Dad

To: My very own Rocket Man

When you come home from there
I am always willing to share
All the plays of the game
But it is always the same
Instead of working
You are always hurting
Ready to play another game
For a little bit of fame.
You are my Curling Star
And from you I will never be far.
Love Forever from your Short Circuit

To: My Loving Husband

My life is filled with so much happiness
Every day that I spent it with you
You make my world worth living
Without you I wouldn't know what to do
You are my inspiration and all my dreams come true
That's why I wanted to tell you darling this
"Valentine's Day"
How so much I'm in love with you.
Happy Valentine's Day Sweetie,
Your Loving Wife forever, Terri XOXOXO

Mr. B:

You are the best.
Happy valentines day.
Love Mrs. B&K

4 yrs. ago we met and fell in love.

2 yrs ago we united our love in marriage.

I feel like I have known you forever.

Who knew, that two people from two different worlds, would come one.

You have given me the universe, all that you have and all that you are.

I am grateful and lucky to have you as my friend, husband and soul companion.

You are my everything!

I love you with all my heart and soul, you are my husband now and forever - I love you Babe!

Happy Valentine's Day "D"!

Love your wife (June 1st, 2002)

Steve:

I never thought I'd find true love
But there you were like a perfect glove,
I love you more and more each day
So please be mine this Valentines Day!
Love Lovie

To Charlene:

Happy Valentine's Day!
Love Stewart

To my Mom!

Roses are red
Violets are blue.
Sugar is sweet
But not as sweet as you!
Love Chubb OX OX

To my Valentine

Who is so fine
If you would be so kind
To give me a sign
That you will be mine
So special Valentine
Love Dad OX OX

Sweet Caroline:

You're the one they write about in love songs!
All my LOVE always!
The Murr

Dave:

I looked at a lot of cards to get an idea of what to say to you. They were generic love stuff and you are definitely not generic. You are one of a kind. Anyone who has met you will say that one way or another, I just have the best of both worlds because I'm married to you. Yes we have had our ups and downs but that is what adds character and strengthens relations. Your not just my husband, lover, partner you are my best friend. My life would not be complete without you. This is the long version of what sometimes isn't said or when I say I love you. The pleasure has been all mine.
Love Cindy

Ben, Sheena, Whitney & Alexandria

Without you kids in our lives we would not be complete. It has not always been a basket of roses but that is what has added to all of us as a family. We wish you all the best at what you do in your life and we will always be proud and be there for you when needed.
Love Mom and Dad

Gloria & Jim, Ginny & Ed

You have always tried to guide us to do our best and we have not always listened. We have always tried to talk to you and you haven't always listened either. Listen now if ever. We would not be where we are today if you weren't our parents. We have a part of you in us and we don't always discuss it but we love you under all circumstances and times. Thanks for being Ours.

Love Cindy & Dave

Valentine's Wish to My First Wife

I'm so glad to know that you're all mine
I'm happy to have my own Valentine
To live with and love until death do us part
Let's not get excited, 10 years is a good start.
We married in October, no better time of year
To know winter's coming, The Dominican honeymoon was near
We enjoyed the sun, the sand and the sea
Had as much fun as we could with one busted knee.
To come back to Canada with my wife by my side
She was a great comfort on my first plane ride
As I keep rambling about the wonderful life we share
I should get to the point of how much I care.
Christina, you mean everything
I love you more than words can say
One more thing before I run out of ink
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love Me

Dear T:

You make my engine run.
Love, L.

You are my knight in shining armour,
A Canadian gentleman and Manimal warrior.
Your banner over me proclaims your love -
You have won my heart, my desire, my word.
I am your Lady, you are my man,
By the Sword of the Spirit we live and stand.
On this Valentines Day, and Forever I vow, "I do."

I am blessed, my knight, to have and to hold onto you.

Happy Valentines Day from your little fish - XOXO

To my own personal "bodger":

You are my polarity and my centre
My challenge and my joy
My partner, my lover
And my best friend
The love of my life,
Through all the lifetimes
We have walked together.
Here's to ten more years!
I love you, babe.
On Valentine's Day and always.



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Restrictions on blood donation should be lifted

GET OUT AND GIVE BLOOD. These bold headlines appear in almost all newspapers one picks up these days and it is not any wonder when the headlines are followed up by some very shocking statistics. Hospital demand for blood is increasing by 8 per cent while blood donors are only increasing by 4 per cent. The increase in demand is attributed to an aging population, more organ transplants and an increase in the number of incidences in cancer.

I find all this very sad; however, I am even more saddened when I think of a conversation we had with a neighbor friend the other day. Ian may be 70 but he is really a young man not only at heart but in physical appearance. He feels "fit as a fiddle" and can boast a clean bill of health from his own family physician. He can also boast he is one of the 3.5 per cent of Canadians that donate blood and he himself has donated 186 times. It is his dream to reach his target goal of 200.

Ian becomes more passionate as he speaks about why he will not be able to reach his goal. He knows that 70 per cent of Canadians will need a blood transfusion sometimes during their lifetime and he

wants to help the blood shortage. It gives him great personal satisfaction to be able to help someone else and on a personal level, he feels great after giving blood. As Ian puts it, "People who are healthy, should be able to give blood. I am a big guy. I can spare a half-litre. It makes me feel good physically and psychologically. Back in the old days, they used to bleed people by using community news leeches as a medical treatment. I am a healthy person and I have no problem sharing and there is a need in the community that I can fill."

Health Canada is the obstacle that prevents long-time donors like Ian from reaching their personal goals and feeling good about themselves when they give blood. Health Canada bans long-time donors from giving their blood beyond the age of 71, on the assumption that it could threaten their health. Ian and many others like him feel there is a great gap between supply and demand, so let them donate their blood.

Well to Ian and all other aging blood-donors, let it be known that the Canadian Blood Services is lobbying Health Canada

to remove the age limit. Let's hope this comes into force and Ian's emphatic plea, "Please have this matter of age discrimination stopped at once", may be answered soon and he can reach his target goal of 200.

If you feel strongly about the age 71 factor, please do not hesitate to contact Health Canada and state your plea. Meanwhile, don't forget that there's a blood donor clinic at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 23. Phone 1-888-2-DONATE to book your time and avoid waiting in line.

harcourt

Valerie Smith
448-3640

In Harcourt, we have some very proud grandparents and a great-grandmother. A beautiful baby girl was born to proud parents Gregory and Cindy Watson. Nikita Lynn Watson was born Feb. 3rd weighing 5 pounds 3 ounces. A little cousin for Taylor Watson and another beautiful granddaughter for proud grandparents Donna and Allan Watson of Benoir Lake, Harcourt. Nikita is a new great-granddaughter for Hazel Gerow of Harcourt. Congratulations to all the family!

Due to inclement weather, the Pre Teen "Valentine" Dance schedule for February 6

was cancelled. I thank the schools for relaying the cancellation to their students and the radio stations for announcing the date change to Feb. 13. The message spread quickly throughout the county. I am pleased to note no children showed up at the Community Centre on Friday night. The re-scheduled date is Friday, February 13. 8:00-11:00 P.M., \$3. Do not forget to wear "Hearts" or "Something Red". Prizes to be given out for the most imaginative "Valentine Fashion". The dance is open to all young persons between the ages of 7-16 years. Please be prepared to show proof of age.

Up-Coming Events:

Feb. 11 - Harcourt Community Centre. Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 12 - Harcourt Community Centre. Euchre starting at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 13 - Harcourt Community Centre. Pre-Teen Dance starting at 8:00 - 11:00

Feb. 15 - Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 7:00 p.m. will be hosting Lloyd Selle, a former Baptist pastor who is now in business in Bancroft area and remains a very power preacher. Gerard Mumford will play and sing at this service.

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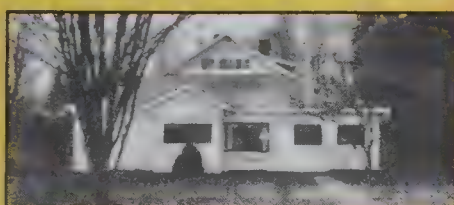
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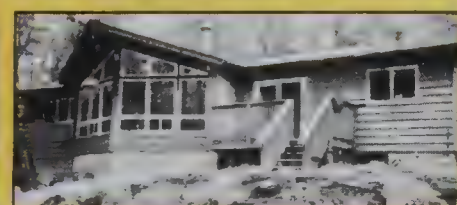
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Call Wilfred VanLieshout

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

Tender for supply of all necessary equipment and personnel to maintain the following:

HEAD LAKE PARK, ROTARY BEACH, BOARDWALK TO SAM SLICK PARK

will be accepted at the Municipal Office until noon,
Friday, February 27, 2004

Details available at the Municipal Office
(705-457-1740)

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

Tammy McKelvey
CAO/Clerk

Japanese student hosted by McIvors

Once again the McIvors, Bob and Ann, are hosting a Japanese student under the Muskoka Language Program. Shoko Ibi is a 16-year-old student from St. Andrew's School, whose focus is English language, in Osaka. The McIvors first student was Yuichi who was here for a year and was also from the same school in Osaka.

There are at time of writing two heli-

copters and several tracks and camping gear at Stanhope Airport undergoing military training.

community news west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Snowshuffle is planned as usual at the Centre on Feb. 28. To participate you pay \$25. at the Guilford Shell Station for tickets, or call Greg Cooper at 754-3210. Dinner and dance is \$20. Trails are great this year. Proceeds go to Centre funds.

Images of spring time dancing in the mind in West Guilford

Promise
by Eleanor Cooper

When lilacs bloom with butterflies,
As well as their fragrance sweet,
When rains come down on daffodils
To water the blossoms they meet;

When sunlit mornings in May are filled
With birds in bursts of song,
And everything that was planted
Shows promise of coming along;

I know the satisfaction of seeing it come to birth,
And with heartfelt gratitude I glow signs of growth in earth.

The digging I did last fall paid off
In tulips and daffodils bright
And happy am I when colours appear
Instead of that endless white!



THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

LANDFILL SITE MAINTENANCE TENDERS

Tenders for cover services at the landfill sites for the Municipality of Dysart et al will be accepted at the Municipal Office until
Noon, Friday, March 5, 2004

Specifications available at the Municipal Office
Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the February 2004 Council Session will be held on February 18th, 2004 commencing at 9:00 am in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The regular scheduled date of the fourth Wednesday of the month - February 25th has been cancelled due to the Good Roads/Rural Ontario Municipal Conference.

Gary King
CAO and Clerk
County of Haliburton



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 77-32 MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Monday, March 1st, 2004.
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Pepping:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of a luge area.
 - Zone change from "RU" and "RR" to "RU-12".
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 8, Guilford Township (Redstone Lake Road).
2. Lands of Adams:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of a seasonal residential lot and require a 30 metre water setback for all new buildings and structures.
 - Zone change from "SR" to "SR1-5".
 - Location: Part Lot 29, Concession 7, Dudley Township (Drag Lake).

• **IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

• **FURTHER INFORMATION:** including the draft by-law and is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED this 9th day of February, 2004.

Patricia Martin,
Municipal Planner



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Municipality of Dysart et al
P.O. Box 389, HALIBURTON, Ontario
K0M 1S0

Attention: Tammy McKelvey
CAO/Clerk

Email: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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THE MUNICIPALITY
OF DYSART ET AL

TENDERS FOR MAINTENANCE OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

will be accepted at the Municipal Office until noon,
Friday, February 27, 2004

Details available at the Municipal Office
(705-457-1740)

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Tammy McKelvey
CAO/Clerk

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Request for Public Opinion on the Proposed Nursing Home Annual Licence Renewal of

Extendicare Haliburton, Haliburton

In accordance with the *Nursing Homes Act*, public opinion is being requested prior to a final decision being made on the above.

If you have comments or opinions and wish to bring them to the attention of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, you may submit them by **March 15, 2004** to:

Director under the Nursing Homes Act
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Long-Term Care Facilities Branch
c/o 5700 Yonge Street, 4th Floor
North York, Ontario M2M 4K5
Phone: 416-327-7345 Fax: 416-326-3142

Please include the name of the nursing home and quote Project #223-04 on all written submissions.

The Director will consider all submissions before making a final decision.



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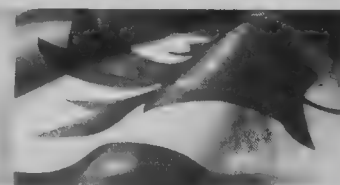
Summer Career Placements, a key element of the Youth Employment Strategy, is a wage subsidy initiative that enables employers to hire students during the summer for a period of 6 to 16 weeks. Private, public and not-for-profit employers are invited to submit their application by:

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☎ Internet: Visit youth.gc.ca and click on the Employer section.



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MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL NOTICE

A public meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers to consider By-Laws for the licensing and regulating of various businesses and for the implementation of user fees, pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001.

The Municipality intends to revise the licensing and regulation requirements for the following types of businesses

- Refreshment Vehicles (including chip trucks, coffee trucks, hot dog and ice cream carts)
- Transient Traders
- Trailer Camps and Tourist Camps

The Municipality further intends to revise the user fees charged for the disposal of waste at Municipal Landfill Sites and for the delivery of Fire Department services.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the proposed licensing fees and regulations to be imposed for the operation of certain businesses and the proposed user fees for landfill and fire services.

Further information regarding these matters can be obtained at the Municipal Office.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.,
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Applicants should possess a relevant university degree or college diploma and/or extensive related experience. An A.M.C.T.O. designation, and/or attendance at a diploma program in Public Administration will provide further evidence of education and training in preparation for this position.

Note: Job Description currently under review

Qualified applicants are invited to forward a confidential resume no later than Friday, March 5th, 2004 to:

Tamara Williams, Human Resources Coordinator
County of Haliburton,
P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street,
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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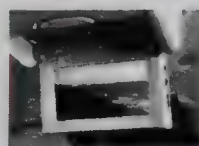


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Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 6 students display their recent science projects — solar systems. Front Row: Matt Vieira, Alex Wingrove, Keaton Gadway, Willy McReynolds, Middle Row (two girls to the right): Megan McCrea, Megan Meharrie Back Row: Kristian Guyton, Alisha Townsend, Eric Goessele, Heather Cummings, Kara Pogue

Congregation learns minister to take new post

community news —
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Thanks to Nadeen Sanderson for letting us know that her sister, Evelyn Lewis celebrated her 80th birthday on Friday, Feb. 6, 2004. On the same day Evelyn's husband Harold celebrated his 90th birthday. Friends and some family celebrated with dinner at the X-Roads Cafe on the actual birthday and then Harold's and Evelyn's family all came home for a good celebration on Saturday at the Lewis home in Highland Grove. Best wishes for lots more happy birthdays.

The women's Valentine Bonspiel is being held this weekend at the Wilberforce Curling Club.

The people of St. Margaret's Church were sorry to learn that their minister, the Reverend Christopher Greaves and his family, will be leaving the Parish of Haliburton this summer. Christopher has accepted the position of Rector of St. John's Anglican Church in Bowmanville beginning August 15. St. Margarets and the whole parish have been blessed with Rev. Greaves' ministry for the past 12 years. He and his family Dianne, Nicholas, Justin and Clarissa will be greatly missed. They will leave with many good wishes as they continue their journey in carrying out the

See **Museum** page 30

Therapists offer free marriage check-up

The Ontario Association for Marriage and Family Therapy will be encouraging couples to call for a free marriage check-up during the week of February 9-13.

Medical and dental check-ups have become routine. OAMFT believes that it's time for our important relationships to receive the same screening and attention. The marriage check-up consists of a confidential one hour consultation with a trained marriage and family therapist. Partners complete a short questionnaire and then review their responses with the therapist. Couples will leave the interview with a clearer sense of their strengths and may also have identified some areas needing attention. Check-ups are offered to all couples - young, old, married, common-law, same-sex - because healthy relationships and healthy families are the life of the community.

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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER #SSB-059947

The **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION** of Ontario requests tenders for Guide Rail Maintenance in the Huntsville area.

Closing Date

March 3, 2004 at 2:00:59 p.m. Local (North Bay) Time.

Patrol Locations

Dorset, Minden, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Emsdale and Dunchurch

Duration of the Contract

This contract is for the duration of 1 year commencing on April 1, 2004 and terminating on March 31, 2005.

Technical Information

Mr. Stan Farnsworth, Maintenance Superintendent
Fax: 705-789-3606

Contract Award

This tender will be awarded in whole, providing the best financial advantage to the Ministry of Transportation.

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- The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER #SSB-059810

The **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION** of Ontario requests tenders for Operated Equipment for the Huntsville Area - Various pieces of equipment, manual labour and traffic control.

Closing Date

February 18, 2004 at 2:00:59 p.m. Local (North Bay) Time.

Technical Information

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Children always manage to have fun even when the weather isn't so suitable to be outside. Wilberforce students skate at the Wilberforce Skating Arena every Friday afternoon between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Museum a busy spot

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The Wilberforce Heritage Guild invite, in fact encourage, you to participate in Heritage week at our Outpost Museum. Join in a game of Court Whist on the afternoon of Tues. Feb. 17 beginning at 1:15 p.m.

On Thurs., Feb. 19 bring a photo of some of your ancestors or an artifact treasured by your family. We will share stories and then enjoy tea. That all begins at 1:15 p.m. That evening there'll be an opportunity for Guides and Pathfinders to bring a photo or an artifact to tell about and then have time for some old fashioned games. Encourage someone else to come too.

We send out our wishes for improved health to all those who have been feeling "under-the-weather" this winter. The sunny days help. And hasn't the night sky been a wonder!

The Recreation Committee will be holding their Annual Maple Fest Pancakes Breakfast/Lunch and Flea market/Crafts on Easter Saturday as it has for many years. Plans are also underway for the Penny Sale on Victoria Day Saturday and for Country Good Times.

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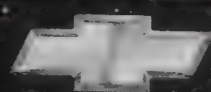
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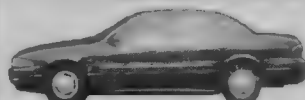
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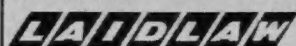
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380 BIRTHS

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gene Schwartzentruber and Julia and
Les Henderson.

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Haliburton Legion

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE

GLEN ALEXANDER LOCKHART

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of GLEN ALEXANDER LOCKHART, late, of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 19th day of January, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 2nd day of March, 2004.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 4th day of February, 2004. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BETTY GRANT

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of BETTY GRANT, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of January, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 10th day of February, 2004.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD DOUGLAS LAWRENCE (R.D. LAWRENCE), deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Ronald Douglas Lawrence (R.D. LAWRENCE), late of the township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on the 27th day of November, 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 21st day of March, 2004.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the solicitors for the Trustee/Executor for the Estate shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 28th day of January, 2004 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Executor of the Estate of Ronald Douglas Lawrence (R.D. Lawrence).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORNE CURTIS VENTRESS, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of LORNE CURTIS VENTRESS, late of the township of Dudley, in the County of Haliburton, who died on the 12th day of August, 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 21st day of March, 2004.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ESTELLE MARGUERITE BALDRY, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of ESTELLE MARGUERITE BALDRY, late of the township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on the 13th day of January, 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 21st day of March, 2004.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the solicitors for the Trustee/Executor for the Estate shall have notice.

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440 THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO ATTENDED my party at the Carnarvon Bowl January 31st. Thank you for making it a great night. Till next time. Edgar Wyllie.

440 THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO VISITED Mom during her illness, sent cards, food, flowers or made donations in her memory, thank you cannot begin to express our sincere gratitude. To the hospital staff, the care Mom received was exceptional and beyond that, it was personal which meant so much to Mom and to all of us. To the Bird family (Bob's Mom, brothers and sisters and their families), we could not do it without you. You have kept us fed (too well), loved and nurtured us through our toughest trial yet. We are so lucky to be blessed with a family like ours. Thank you all for everything. Without the love and support of our community, friends and family, we could not imagine the loneliness and helplessness we would have felt. Mom was loved by many. Her smile was radiant and genuine. She always thought of others first ... herself last, and her devotion to her family and family values could not be matched. This, among many other qualities, made her an irreplaceable wife, mother, grandma, daughter, sister and friend. Life will never be the same without her, but we rest assured that she is free of suffering and watching over us ... as she always did, and someday we all will be together again. With heartfelt sincerity, Bob, Scott, Teresa, Kellie, Steve, Logan and Rachel.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BOWEN, LLOYD - In loving memory of Lloyd Bowen who passed away February 9, 2002.

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But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you.
The day God called you home.
Dearly missed by Mary (his wife of 60 years).

DOVELL, FLOYD - In loving memory of a dear Husband, Dad and Grandpa Floyd who passed away February 13, 1985.

You are in our hearts and memories always.

Lovingly remembered by Etta, June and Grant, Cory and Jenna.

LITTLE, LEONARD - In loving memory of a dear son, brother, uncle and great uncle, who passed away February 14, 1996. Those we love we never lose for always they will be loved, remembered, treasured, always in our memory. The Family.

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I miss you now like it was just today. I remember the twinkle in your eyes and the smile on your face.

All the memories we have that cannot be erased.

Sadly missed by **Ken, Reta, Joyce and Trisha.**

McNEIL, MERREIT - In loving memory of a dear dad who went to heaven February 13, 1998.

Welcome Home

Welcome home my son

Your work on earth was well done
You witnessed to many while on earth
And you shared the story about my birth

You never hid the fact that you loved me

you shared the word no matter what the need be.

You spoke of me often to family and friends

And you showed how faith can strengthen and often mends.

You did your best to always give glory to me.

And for this you will live eternally.

And now you are at rest
In heaven as my special guest.

Forever missed and remembered by your daughter, **Wanda-Lee.**

McNEIL, MERREIT - In loving memory of a dear husband Merreit who passed away February 13, 1998.

I do not need a special day
To bring you to my mind

The days I do not think of you
Are very hard to find.

Staring at the sky each day.
Wandering where you are.

Gazing at the heavens each night.
Searching for your star.

You gave me many things in life
Gifts both great and small.

But most of all you gave me love
The greatest gift of all was love.

Sadly and deeply missed and loved
Forever your darling wife **Mary.**

RABY, IVA - In loving memory of my Mother who passed away February 15, 1994.

The love of a wonderful mother is something that always lives on
Filling the days with sweet memories long after her presence is gone

You still feel the warmth of her caring
Her wisdom will never depart

For the love of a wonderful mother
Forever lives on in my heart

Lovingly remembered, **Betty, Larry and Family.**

460 OBITUARIES

DOVELL, VIOLET - At Extencicare-Haliburton on Thursday, February 5, 2004 in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late William Dovell. Loving mother of Roseline (Mrs. Ken MacDuff), Anne (Mrs. Ed Kimmerly), Charles all of Gooderham, Ken (Jessie) of Haliburton, and Garnet (Rita) of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by her 26 grandchildren, her many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Predeceased by her daughter Mabel and her granddaughter Jennifer, her brothers Roy, Ted, Garnet and her sister Ruby. Also remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. 457-9209 on Friday afternoon, February 6, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Saturday morning, February 7, 2004 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Lung Association would be appreciated by the family.

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TANGUAY, GLADYS - In loving memory of Gladys Tanguay (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario). Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on February 1, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Michael Tanguay. Predeceased by her twelve brothers and sisters: Ed, Tom, Patrick, Joe, Catherine, Father Louis, Bill, George, Herb, Michael, Mary Helen and Kay. Cherished sister-in-law of Eva O'Hara of Haliburton and Catherine O'Hara of Wonssocket, Rhode Island. She was the much loved aunt of many nieces and nephews in Canada and the U.S.A. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, February 3, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A.C.W.L. Vigil Service was held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday evening, February 3, 2004 at 8 o'clock. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday morning, February 4, 2004 at 11 o'clock from St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Victoria St., Haliburton. Interment later Sudbury Roman Catholic Church Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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- Feb. 10: The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners invite you to their monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Pat Campbell will teach Pin Weaving, there will be a small material fee. Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Pritchard House Minden.
- Feb. 10: Valentine craft starts at 11:00 a.m. Ontario Early Years Centre, Haliburton location, Halco Plaza lower level. Call Wendy Baux 457-2989 for details.
- Feb. 11: The regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at the Minden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. Speaker at 7 p.m. will be Guy Scott - "Country Fairs" - the subject of his new book. No charge - everyone welcome. Refreshments available. For details contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.
- Feb. 12: Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:30, Norman Sisco Centre, Canadian Federation of University Women's Club - Haliburton Highlands meets every second Thursday of the month. Guest speaker at 7:15 is Beth Archibald, the Director of Community Health Services. Afterwards members will discuss and approve the proposed constitution. New members are always welcome and refreshments are served.
- Feb. 12: Valentine Potluck and Craft. Bring your favourite dish to share and make a fun valentine craft. Ontario Early Years Centre, Haliburton location, Halco Plaza lower level. Call Wendy Baux 457-2989 for details.
- Feb. 12: The Senior Winter Games for District 11, begins with a 3 km predicted skate at Dysart Arena from 12:00 - 2:00. Please call Ron at 447-3092 for more details.
- Feb. 12: Valentine Luau and Pot Luck lunch at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please sign-up. 286-1770.
- Feb. 13: You are invited to Raise a Glass to Raise Some Funds for St. George's Anglican Church and Outreach. Join us for a Valentine visit to St. George's Wine Cellar for Wine Tasting. Presentation and taste bud guide by Danielle Perry, for Lacey's International. Feb. 13th, 7:30 p.m. \$25. a couple. \$13. a person. Andrew Cherry will provide vocal entertainment, dessert and coffee will be served after the tasting. Tickets at: St. George's Church Office, Mountain St. 457-2074, Perfect Prints 457-2713 and Rachel's Home Bakery 457-3248.
- Feb. 13: Italian Dinner and Silent Auction, Sat. Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 8:00 p.m. Auction, at Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton. Fundraiser for Mission Trip to Ecuador, 9 people from Haliburton travelling for Christian outreach. For prices, call Jamie at 754-3914.
- Feb. 14: "A Sweetheart of a Book Sale" in the Art Room of the Bobcaygeon Library. 100's of titles, many from the Bookfinder of Fenelon Falls. Sale starts 9 a.m.
- Feb. 15: Singin' Away the Winter Blues presented by the Highlands Male Chorus, Northern Lights Pavilion 2:30pm. \$12. tickets available at Nancy's Flowers, Haliburton and Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden for ticket info call 754-2999.

- Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Hand Drumming at the 'Y' in Haliburton. All welcome. Call Fay at 754-4004 for more info.
- Haliburton County Home Support is looking for items for their ongoing Treasure Table. If you are cleaning out your cupboards over the Christmas season, please remember that Home Support will take your used items for their fundraiser Treasure Table. Call 457-2941 if you would like more information.
- Haliburton County Home Support Services is in Urgent need of a Volunteer Driver in the Carnarvon area. Our Transportation service assists clients needing to attend medical appointments, shopping, and social or recreational activities where friends and relatives are not available or able to provide transportation. Call Roxanne if you would be interested in Volunteer Driving, 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

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\$8,900 - 2.83 acre lot on Hwy 35 - Public access to Boshkung Lake nearby.
\$13,000 - Yr md, relatively flat lot near Miskwabi Lake public access.
\$16,900 - Great in-town lot, hydro, phone, sewers available - Fleming Rd, Minden.
\$37,000 - 42+ acres, nicely treed, South exp., fronts on yr md road - Gooderham Waterfront Properties.
\$24,900 - Boyne Lake - 1.26 acres with lots of Birch trees, SE exp.
\$129,000 - Otter Lake - 91 acres, nice shoreline, very private with 4-Wheel drive access, good hunting property. Call Linda & Troy.



Julie Gray*

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

Award winning timber frame home just loaded with top of the line quality finishing and features including timber frame guest house and 3 bay timber frame garage with workshop. (Both w/hydro, water and heat) Beautiful wooded setting, good privacy and S. exp. Call Julie Gray

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KENNISIS LAKE

Big lake view from this very private 3 bdrm (2 w/ ensuite) cottage/home with eat-in kitchen, sep. DR, LR with FP & w/o to deck. Lge main floor family room & laundry, bath, ceilings, part fin. bsmt w/ wet bar. Private lot level at cottage with sand beach, granite & wood steps, double carport. Call Julie Gray

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Rosalind Bagg*

CHOICE LOT/ CHOICE LOCATION

Beautiful building lot, walking distance to Sir Sam's Ski Area and Basshaunt Lake municipal access, winter or summer, great location to build! Come and see. Call Rosalind Bagg

PRIME BUILDING LOT

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Bill Kulas*

HWY. 35 - MINDEN

Location! Location! Over 10 acres. 4 sep. properties. Commercial, Industrial Zoning. Two shops and office. Total 7300 sq.ft. Call Bill Kulas today on this Prime Commercial development property.

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MAIN STREET - MINDEN

Prime Main Street Location! Over 3400 sq.ft. of retail space on the main floor with two spacious rental apts. above. Plenty of customer parking, great commercial zoning. Ideal for many permitted uses such as retail stores, professional offices, restaurant or clinics.

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2 Bdrm country home on a private, level 2 acre lot. With a little TLC and a few finishing touches, it might be just the affordable home you're looking for. Call Ken Barry

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WEST GUILFORD

This charming well kept 3 BR home is close to golfing, shopping, ski hill & public beach, detached garage & a barn for storage. Call Ken Barry

\$98,500



Cathy Lancia**

NEW LISTING ... NEW LISTING ... NEW LISTING ...

This bright 4 Season home/cottage on Little Kennisis Lake has been well planned and is fully usable for family fun. Facing WSW the waterfront is clean and offers both shallow sand & rocky deep water. The private lot is terraced and natural. The interior is finished in pine w/drywall and berber carpets. The pine kit., is lge. & welcoming. Skylights, a drilled well, 4 bathrms., & a lge. cedar deck are features with this pkg. The full basement is fin. except the floors, incl. FAO furn., 2 tanks, air cond., central vac. Over 2600 sq.ft. fin. living space. Call Cathy Lancia

\$489,700



Linda Beachli***

GREAT FAMILY HOME!

Wonderful 4 bdrm bungalow with sunporch, 3 washrooms, 2 FP's, & full bsmt with fin. rec rm & wet bar, 20x27 heated workshop & 16x22 att. gar. Call Linda Beachli

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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Great waterfront brick bungalow located just outside of the town of Haliburton. 3 bdrms, 1-1/2 baths, full bsmt & gorgeous view. Call Linda Beachli

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Rick Lowes*

MAPLE LAKE STORE

Was recently a thriving general store. Owners have retired, there are large living quarters, and many possibilities. Call Rick Lowes

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WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Your own small lake, 1500 ft. owned shoreline west exposure, 36 lightly treed acres with highway access. Close to Minden. **\$99,900** Call Rick Lowes



Peter Brady**

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME/COTTAGE HERE

Only 2 lots remaining to build your dream home on 5+ acres, on yr md rd, across rd from beautiful Eagle Lake & both with breathtaking views. Call Peter Brady

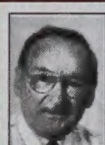
\$39,900



WAITING FOR FIRST FAMILY!

Brand new chalet built on Tedious Lake with 160 ft. of waterfront & 2.1 acres of land. 3 BR's, 2 baths and full walkout bsmt. Call Peter Brady

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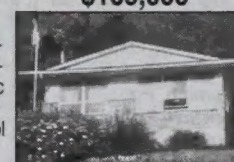


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FANTASTIC FAMILY HOME

Features: 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace w/insert, hardwood floors, ceramic tiles, family rm., rec rm., hot tub rm., pool & loads more. Call Erwin

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HUNTING PROPERTY!

Well treed 96 acre parcel w/stream & small lake in the back, small cabin & new outhouse, property backs onto thousands of Acres of Crown Land, fronting on year md. road, hydro & phone available. **\$65,000** Call Erwin Roithmeier



Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*

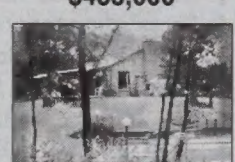
VACANT IN-TOWN LOT

Level in town building lot located in a quiet and private neighbourhood. Within walking distance to hospital, school, arena & downtown shopping. Township maintained road. **\$14,900.** Call Geoff & Miranda

HWY. 35, MINDEN

Excellent commercial location on 23 acres and 1500 ft. of road frontage. Entrance off Hwy 35 & South Lake rd. 3 BR open concept home & loads of privacy. Many possibilities! Call Geoff & Miranda

\$485,000



Tom* & Gail* Tempest*

HALIBURTON BY THE LAKE

Custom quality built Royal Home in a terrific neighbourhood for retirement or a family. Only 2 yrs. old w/many upgrades, completed landscaping and oversized dble. gar. Shows well. Call for appt. Call Tom & Gail

\$310,000



MOUNTAIN VIEW DR.

Custom built yr. md. home or cottage. Pine kit., 2 FP's, hot tub rm. & three lge. bdrms. Lge. deck for entertaining across front for great views. New docks. Child friendly, hard sand bottom for great swimming. Call Tom & Gail

\$399,000



Fred Chapple*

Beautiful Davis Lake

Terrific family compound, year round 3 bdrm cottage/home with 2 guest cottages. Point lot with 460 ft. of waterfront on 4 acres. Privacy plus! Just south of Minden. Call Fred Chapple

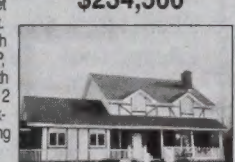
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EXECUTIVE IN-TOWN

Custom built home on quiet street, level landscaped lot. Spacious eat-in kitchen with separate DR. Has brick FP, hardwood flooring, 4 pc bath with jacuzzi, 3 pc ensuite & 2 pc in bsmt. Extensive decking. Also included is adjoining building lot. Call Fred Chapple

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Ted Vasey*

MINDEN - ORDE STREET

Absolutely charming home across road from river. Newly finished oak kitchen with w/o to deck, w/o living room, 3+2 bedrooms, MBR ensuite, freshly finished family room with oak bar & propane FP, FAO heating, 1.54 acres. **Asking \$185,000** Call Ted Vasey



Vince Duchene**

3 YEAR OLD HOME

1,908 sq.ft. in Haliburton by the lake subdivision. Beautifully finished home, 3 baths, rec room & bright open kitchen/living room. Call Vince Duchene

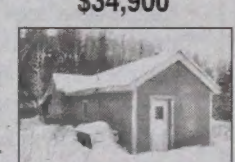
\$259,900



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small usable cabin, driveway in. Lots of pines & ready to build your home on. Outstanding lot only 5 minutes from Haliburton. Call Vince Duchene

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Melanie Vigrass*

MINDEN

Fantastic family home features: 4 bdrms, 2 baths, fireplace with insert, hardwood floors, ceramic tiles, family room, rec room, hot tub room, pool and loads more. **\$169,000** Call Melanie



Lenor Fulton* & Tracy Ackertblade*

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